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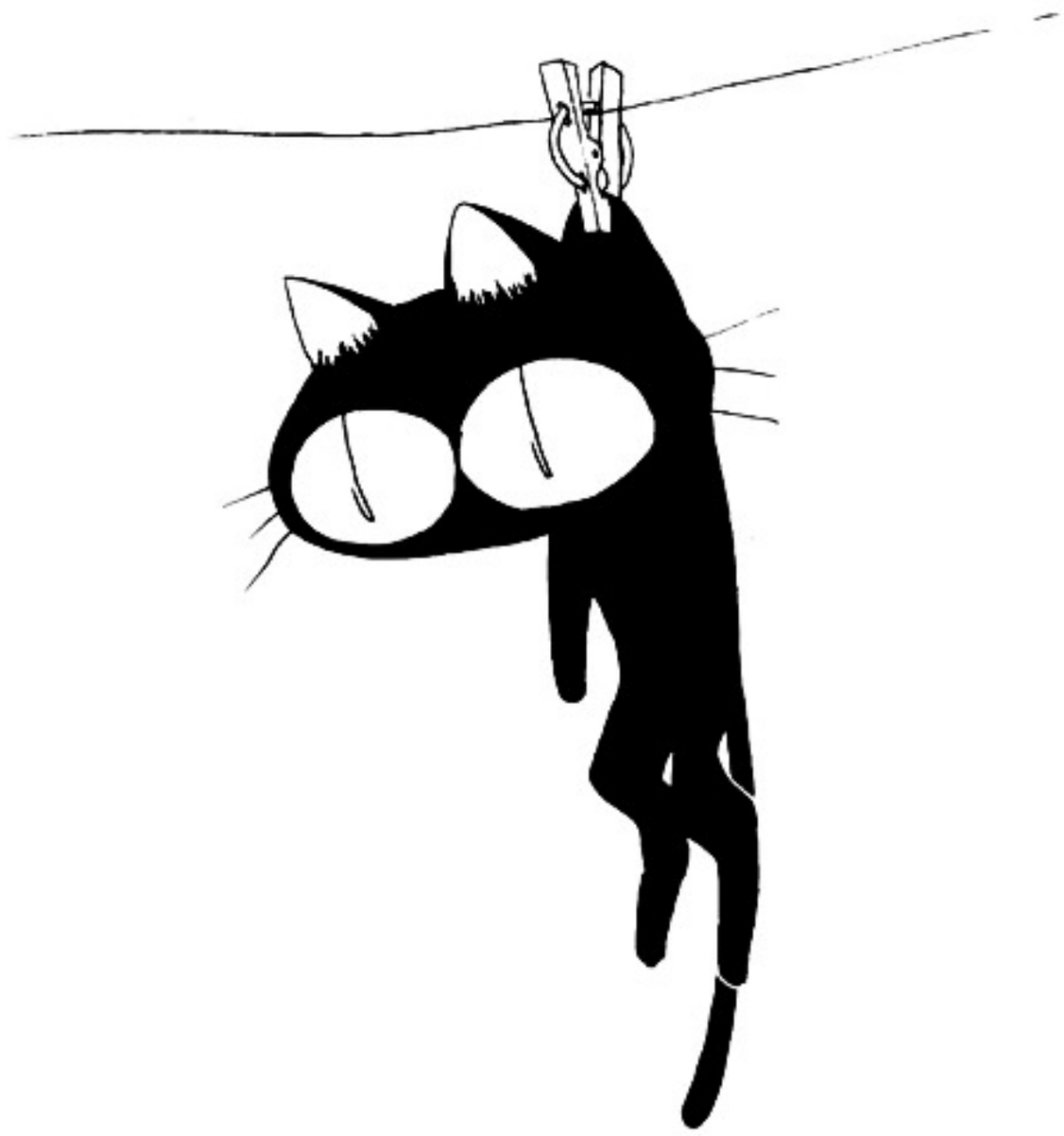

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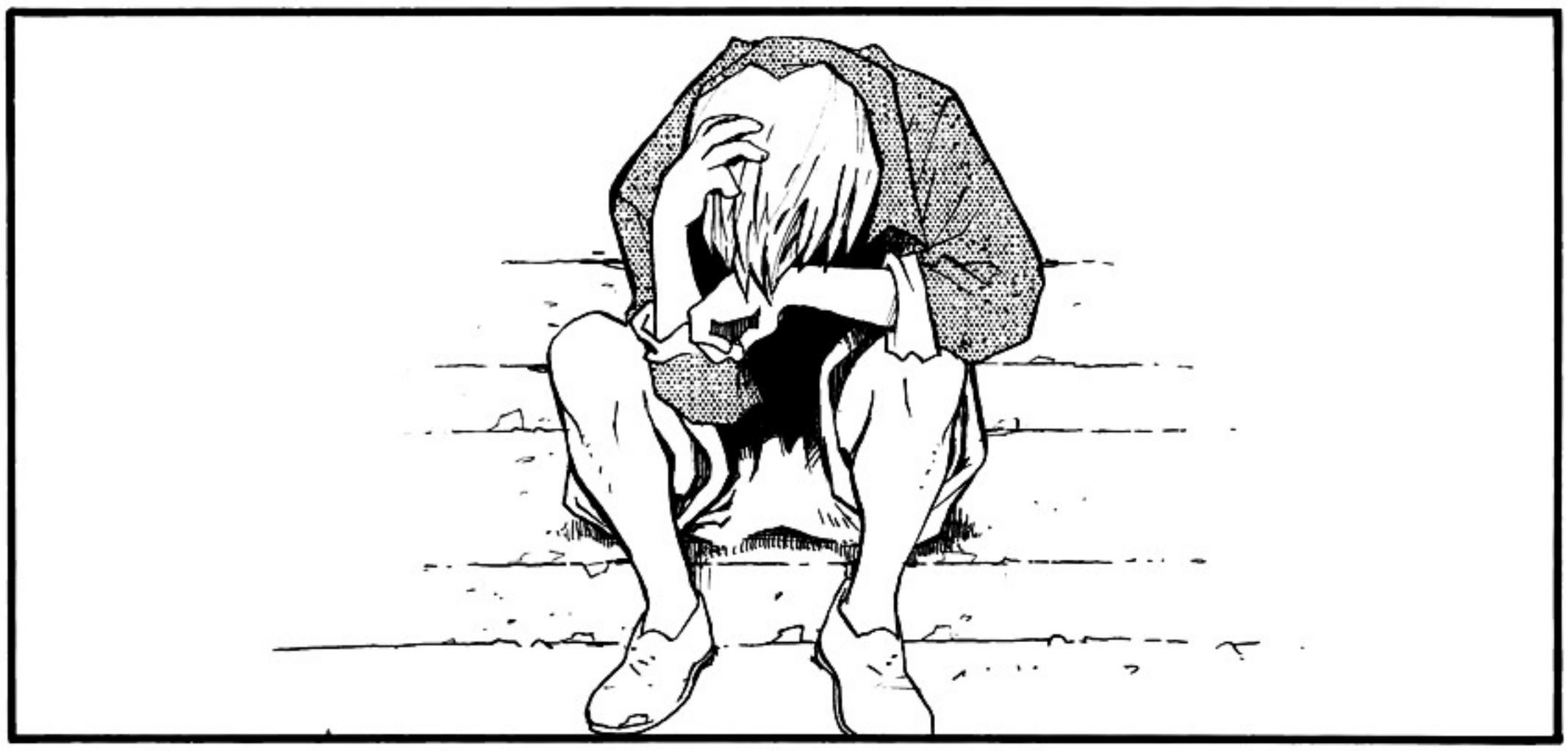
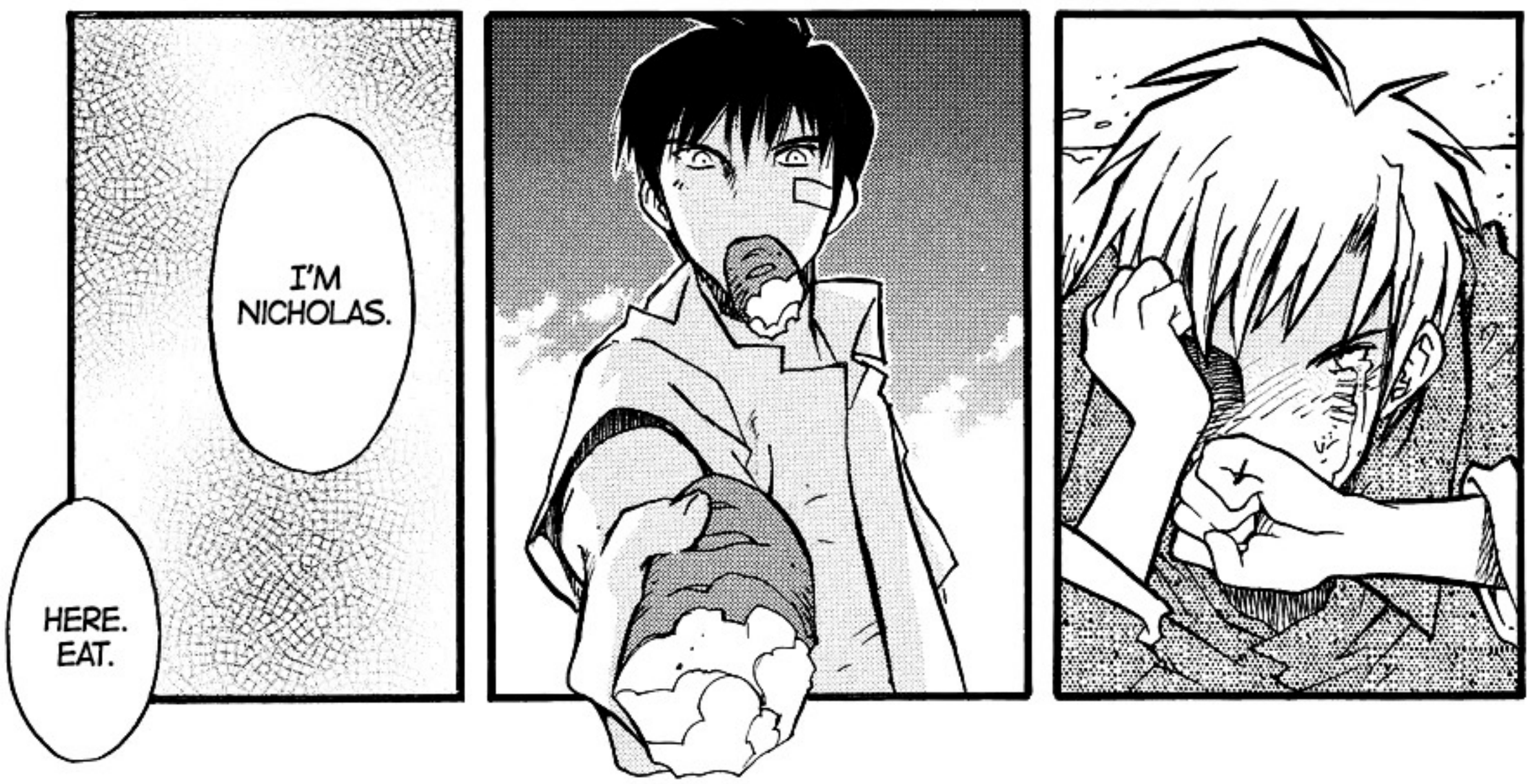
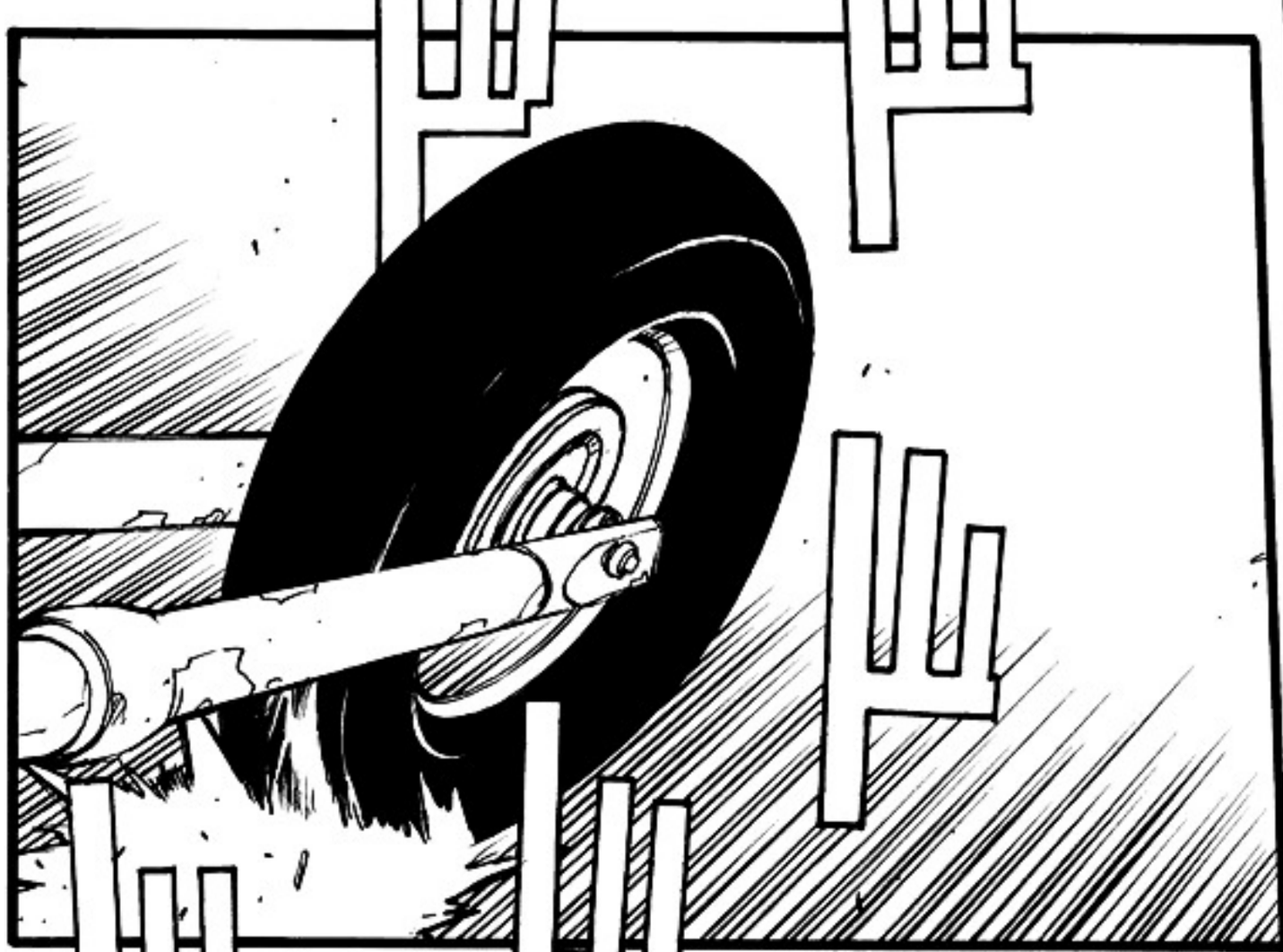
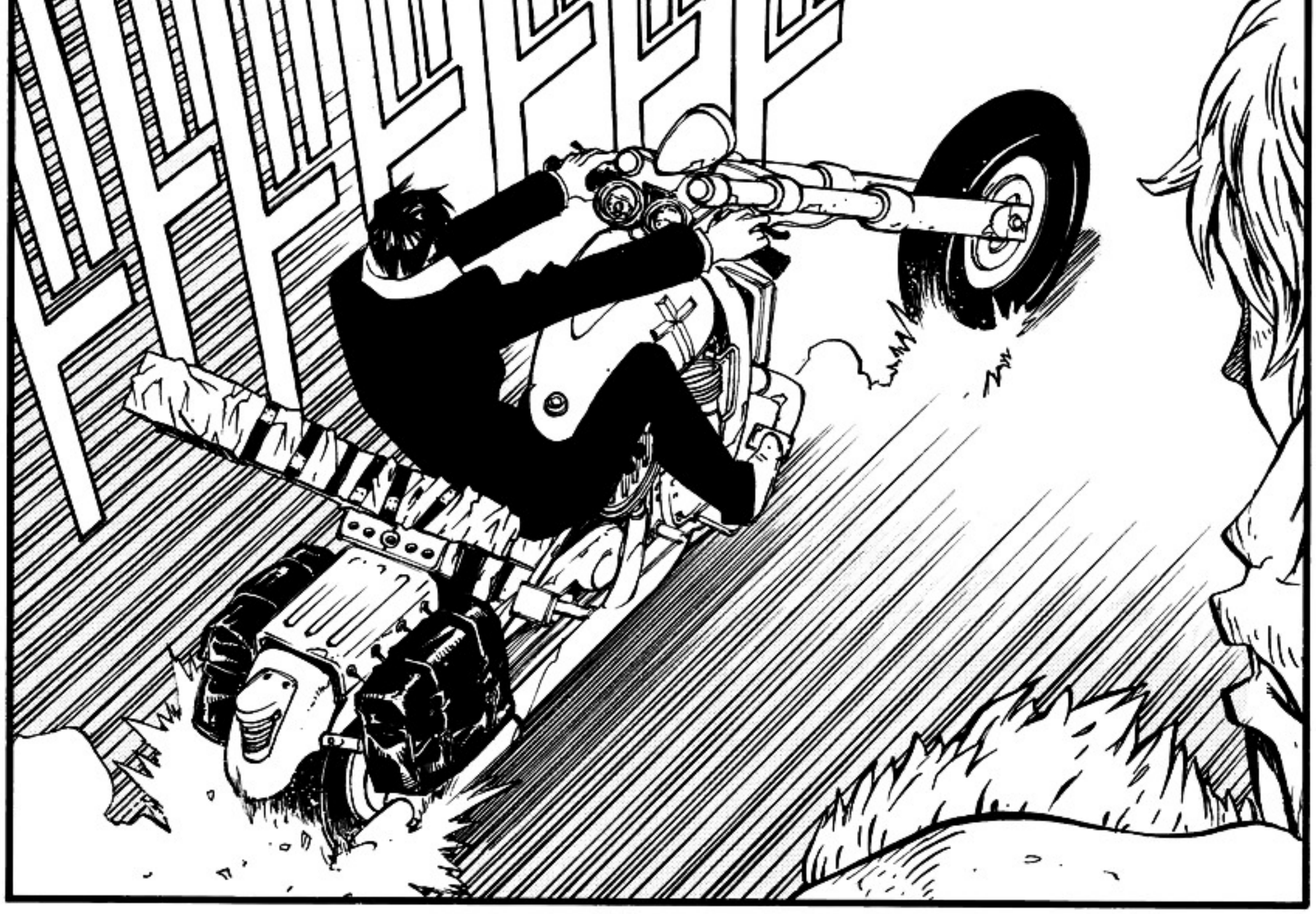


ALL THE NEW KIDS CRY, BUT...
YA SURE DO CRY A LOT.
...CRYIN' FOR THREE DAYS STRAIGHT IS A NEW RECORD.

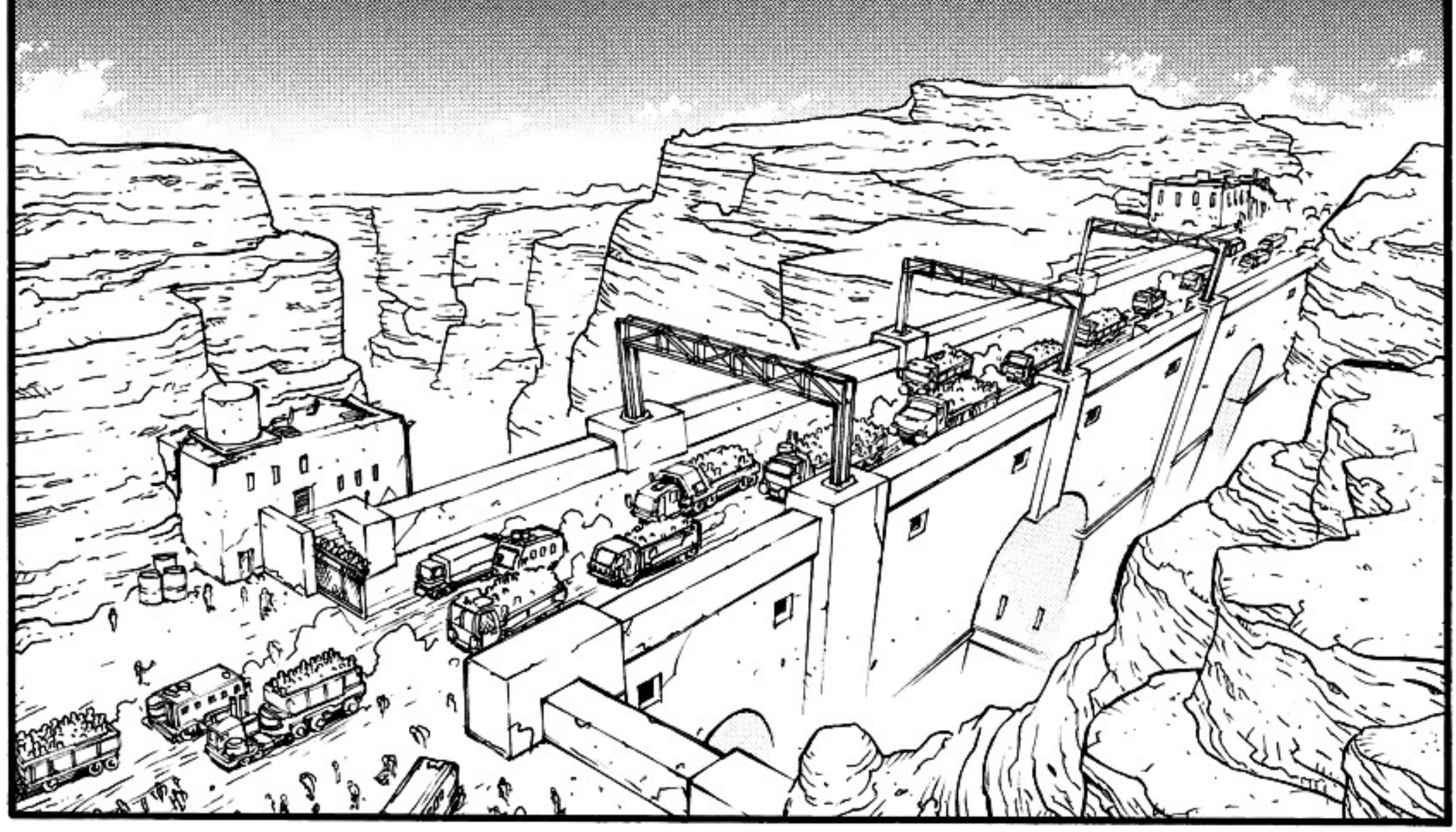

I'M NICHOLAS.
HERE. EAT.

#01. HOME

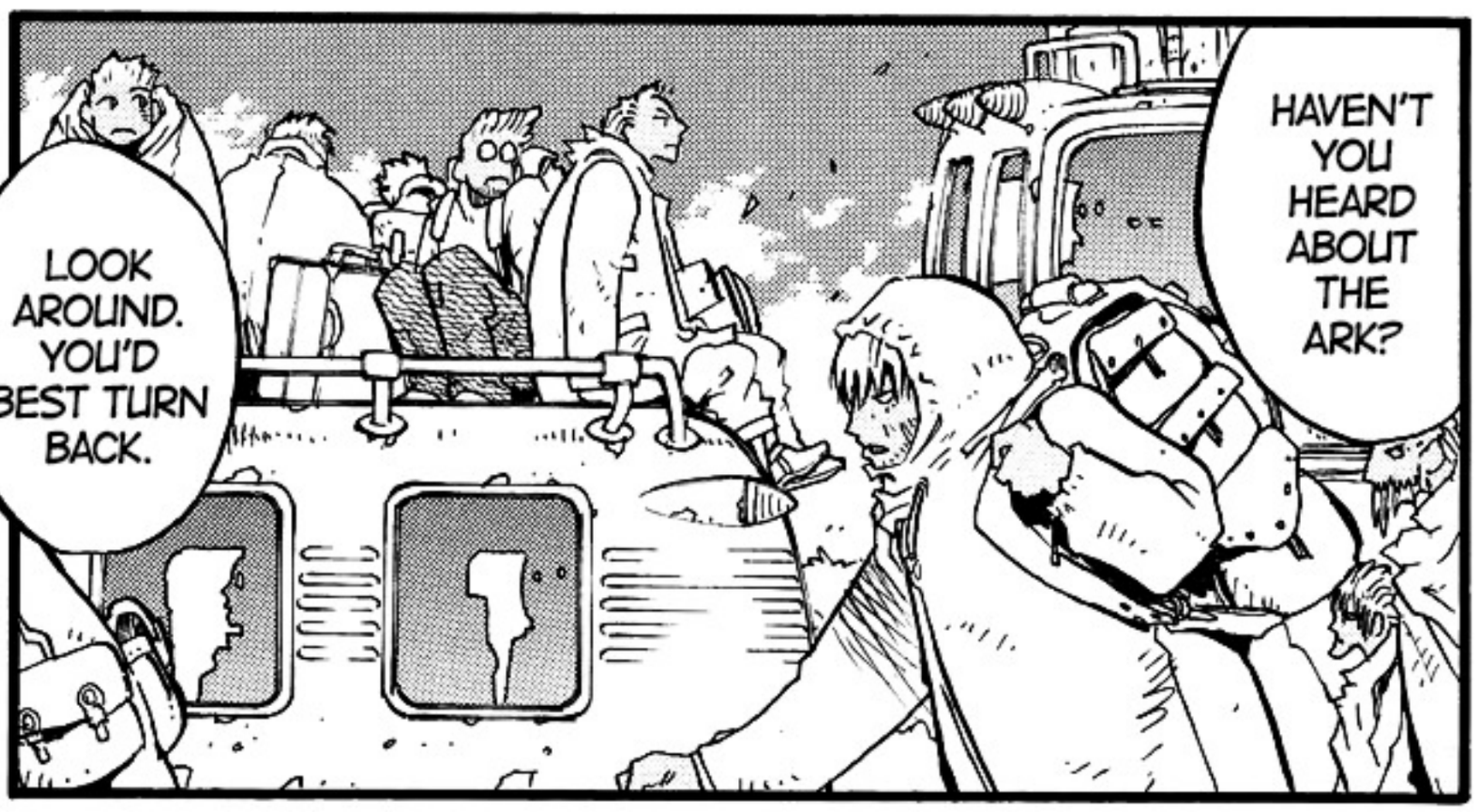




HOW THINGS CHANGE...
AW, HELL.
EVERY-THIN'S A MESS.



HOLD UP, STRANGER.


LOOK AROUND. YOU'D BEST TURN BACK.
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT THE ARK?

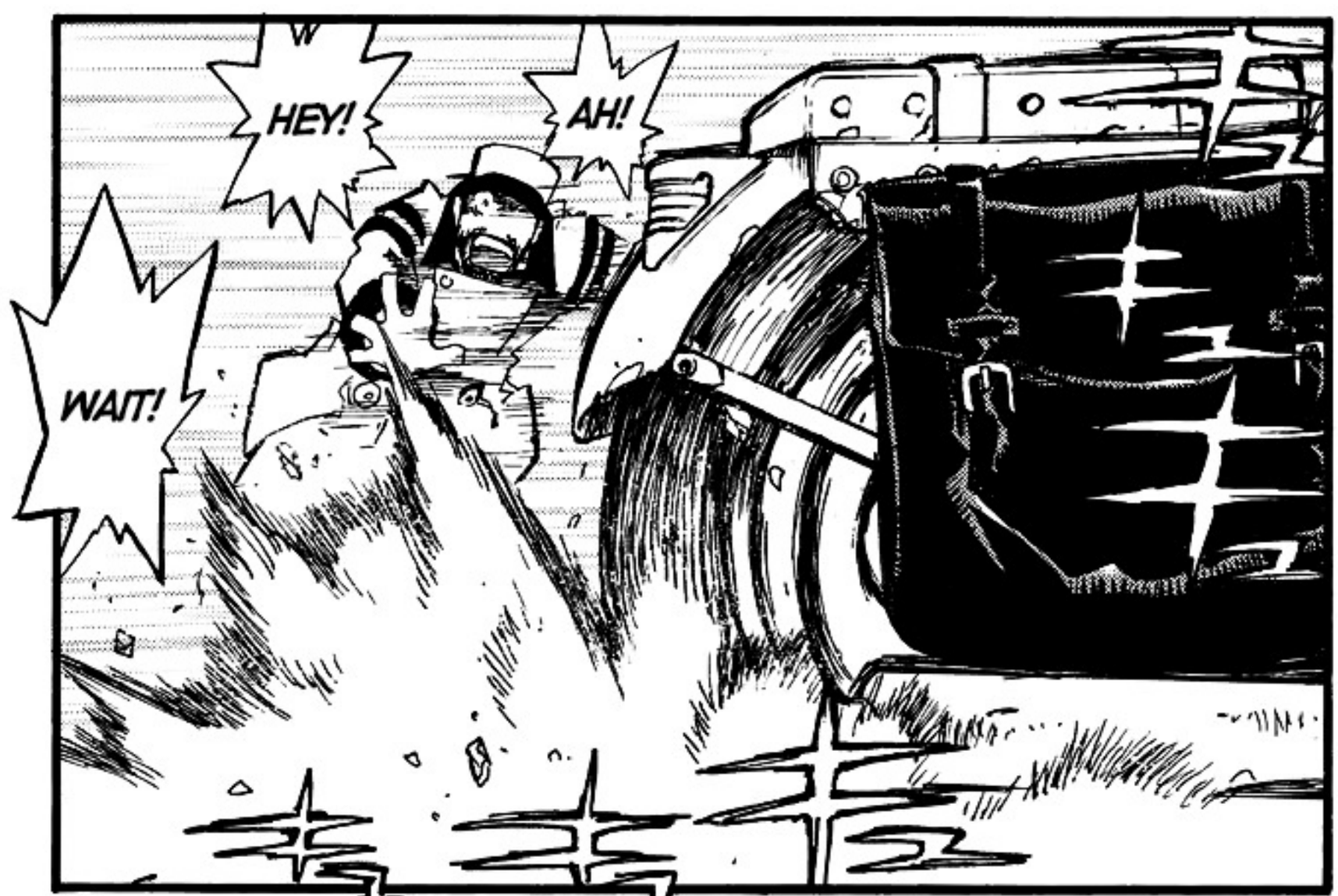
THE CITY IS NOTHING BUT A SLUM NOW.
AND IF THIS BRIDGE IS DESTROYED, WE'LL BE STRANDED.
DECEMBER HAS BEEN ABANDONED.

YOU...
HAVEN'T I...

...HEY.

ALL THAT'S LEFT ARE HOOLIGANS.

WE'RE SHORT-HANDED!
BRIAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
GET BACK HERE!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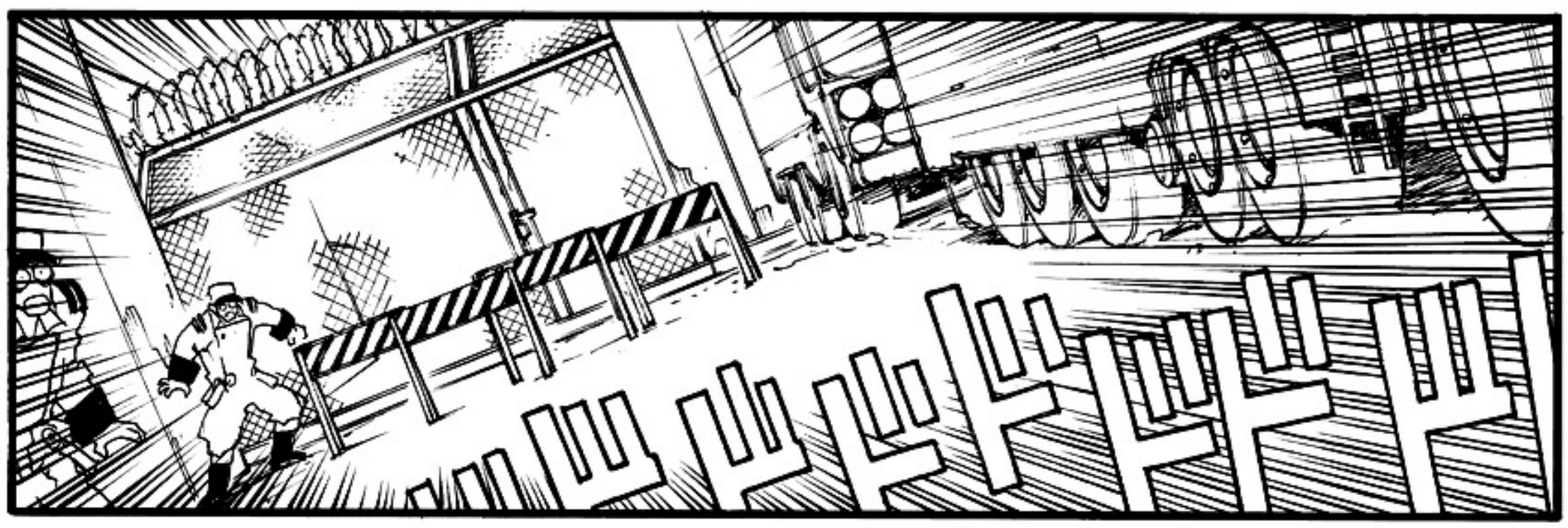
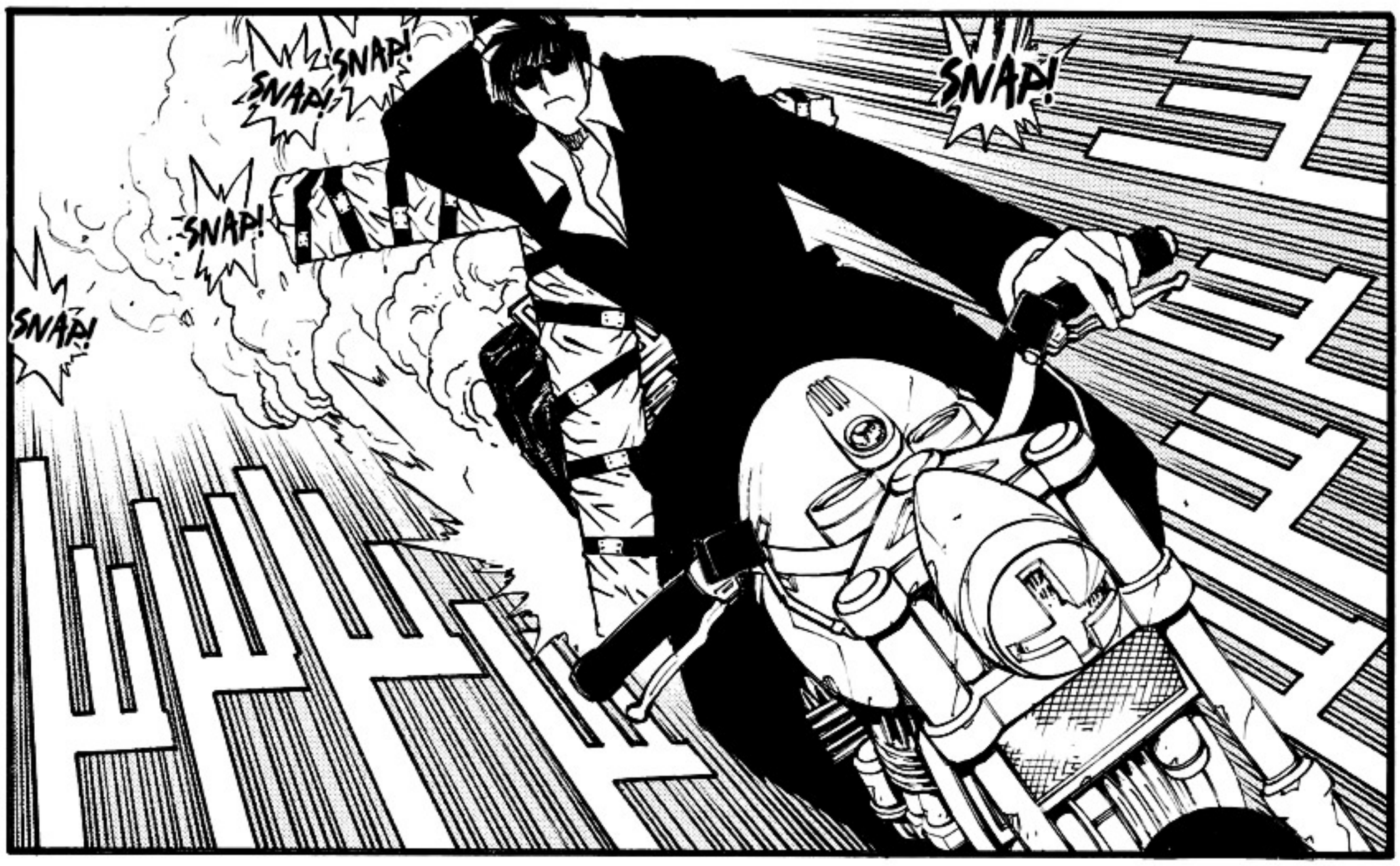
AH!
WAIT!

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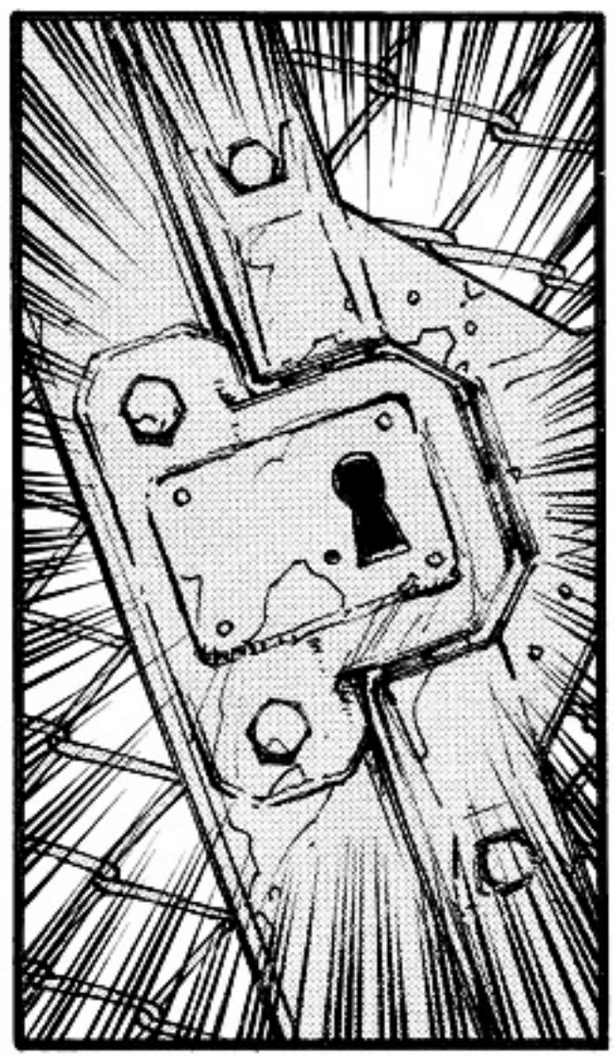

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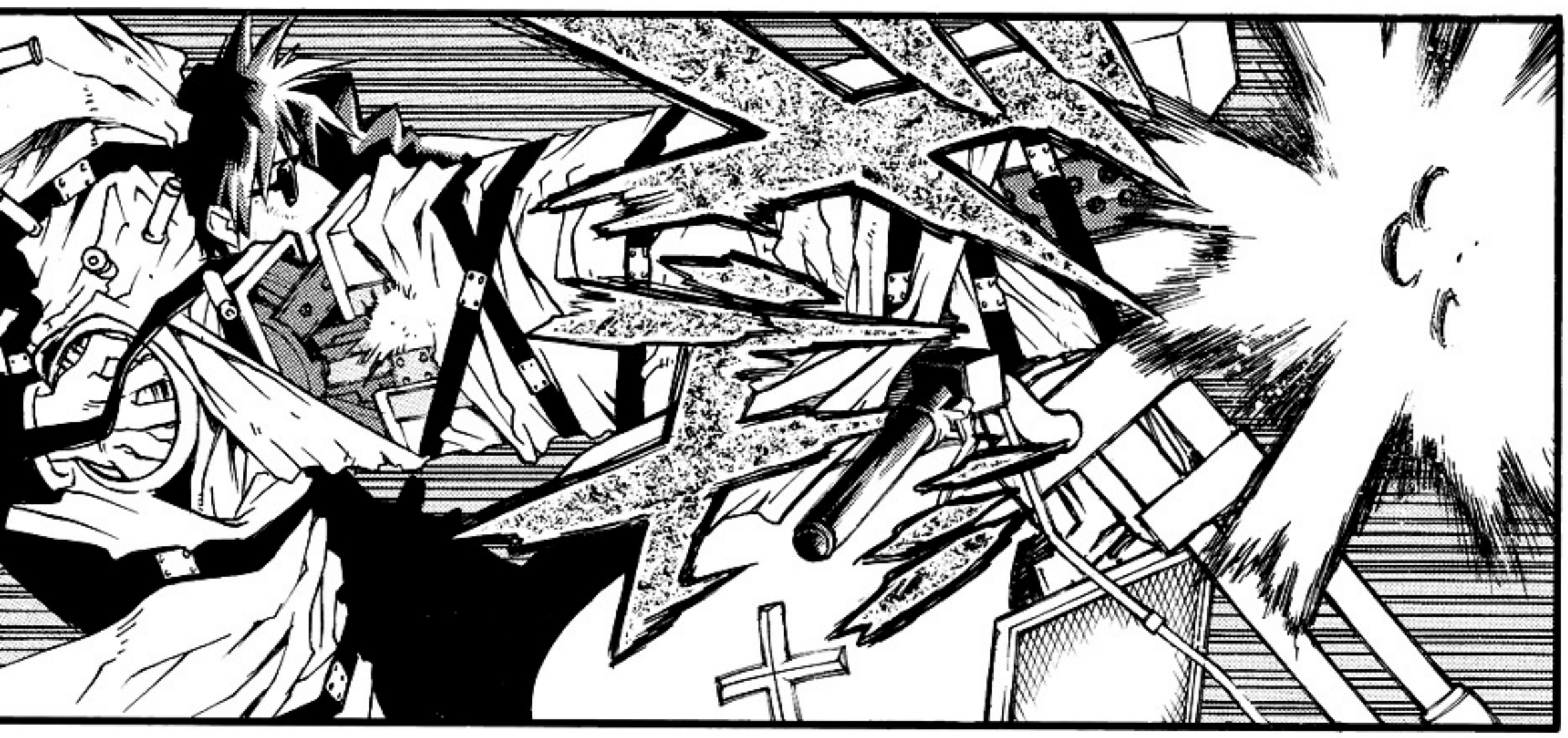
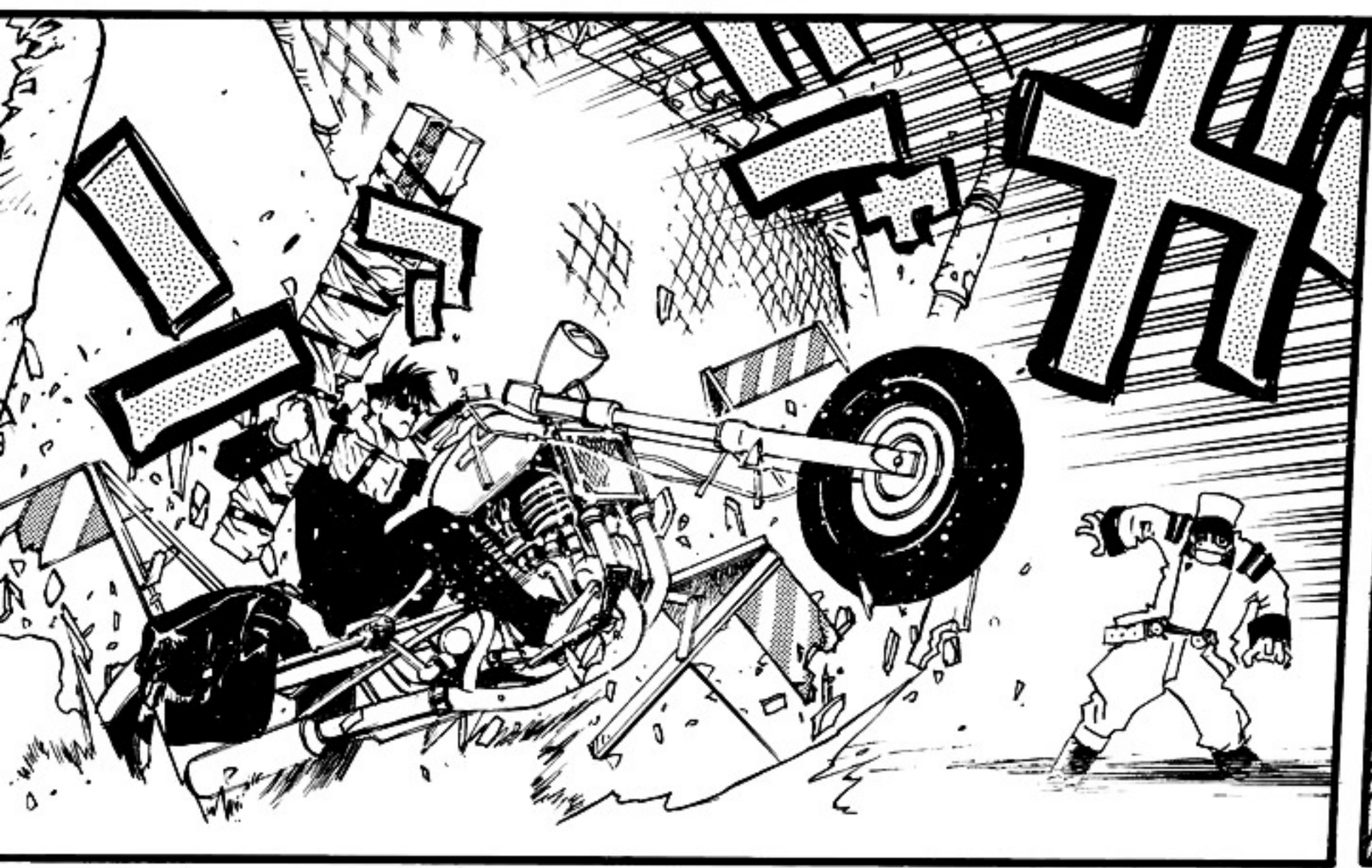
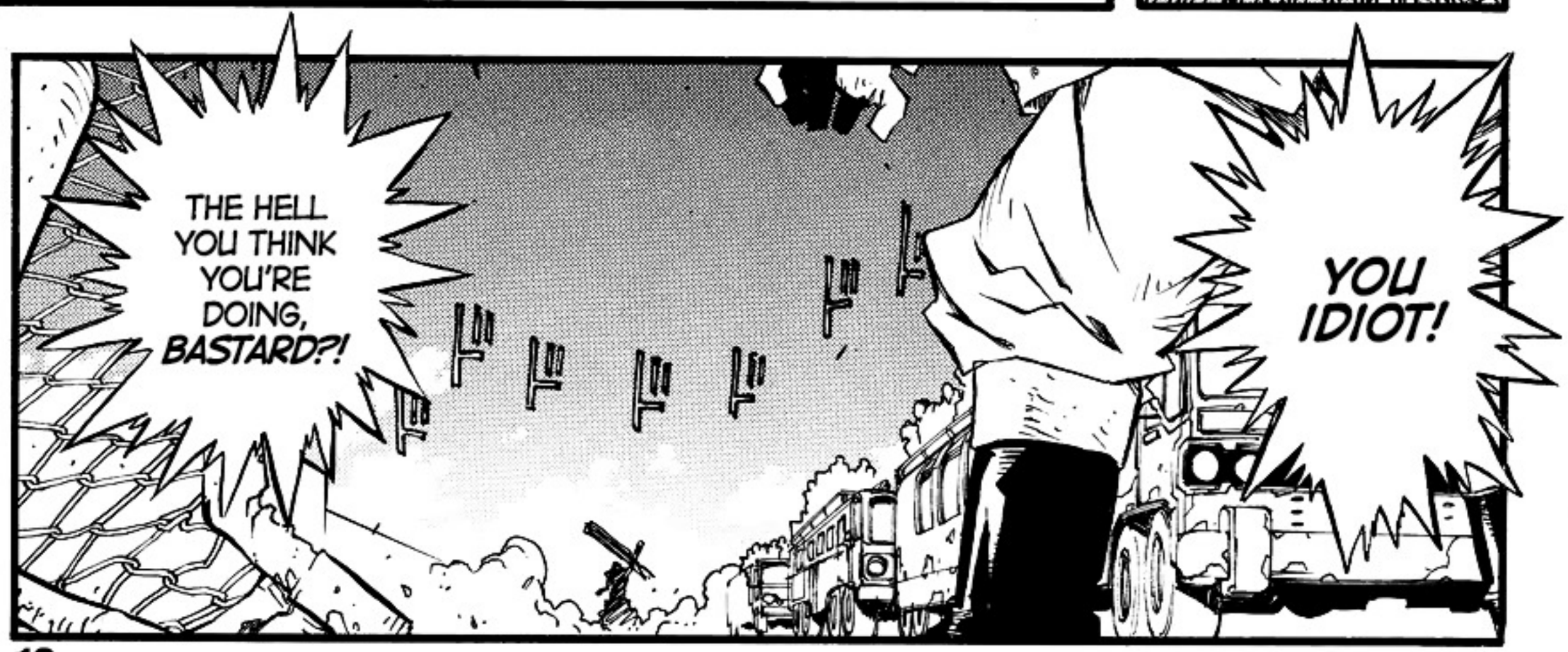
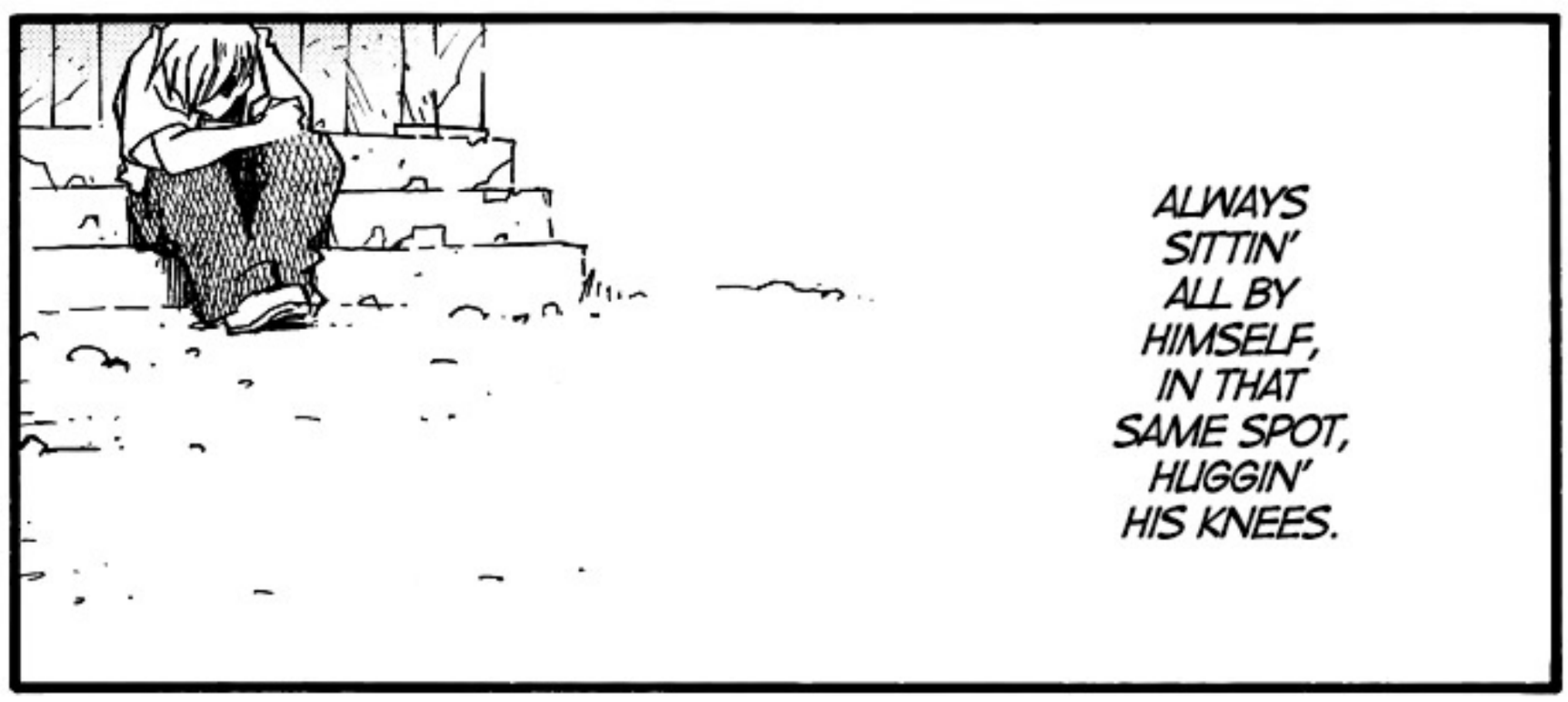





THE HELL YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, BASTARD?!
YOU IDIOT!


ALWAYS SITTIN' ALL BY HIMSELF, IN THAT SAME SPOT, HUGGIN' HIS KNEES.

HE WAS A QUIET KID.

WHY'RE YA ALWAYS SITTIN' THERE?
AREN'T YA TIRED OF CRYIN'? PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER.

BONK

WHAT WOULD *YOU* KNOW ABOUT IT?
HUH?

WHAT-EVER.
YER JUST GONNA KEEP HANGIN' YER HEAD-

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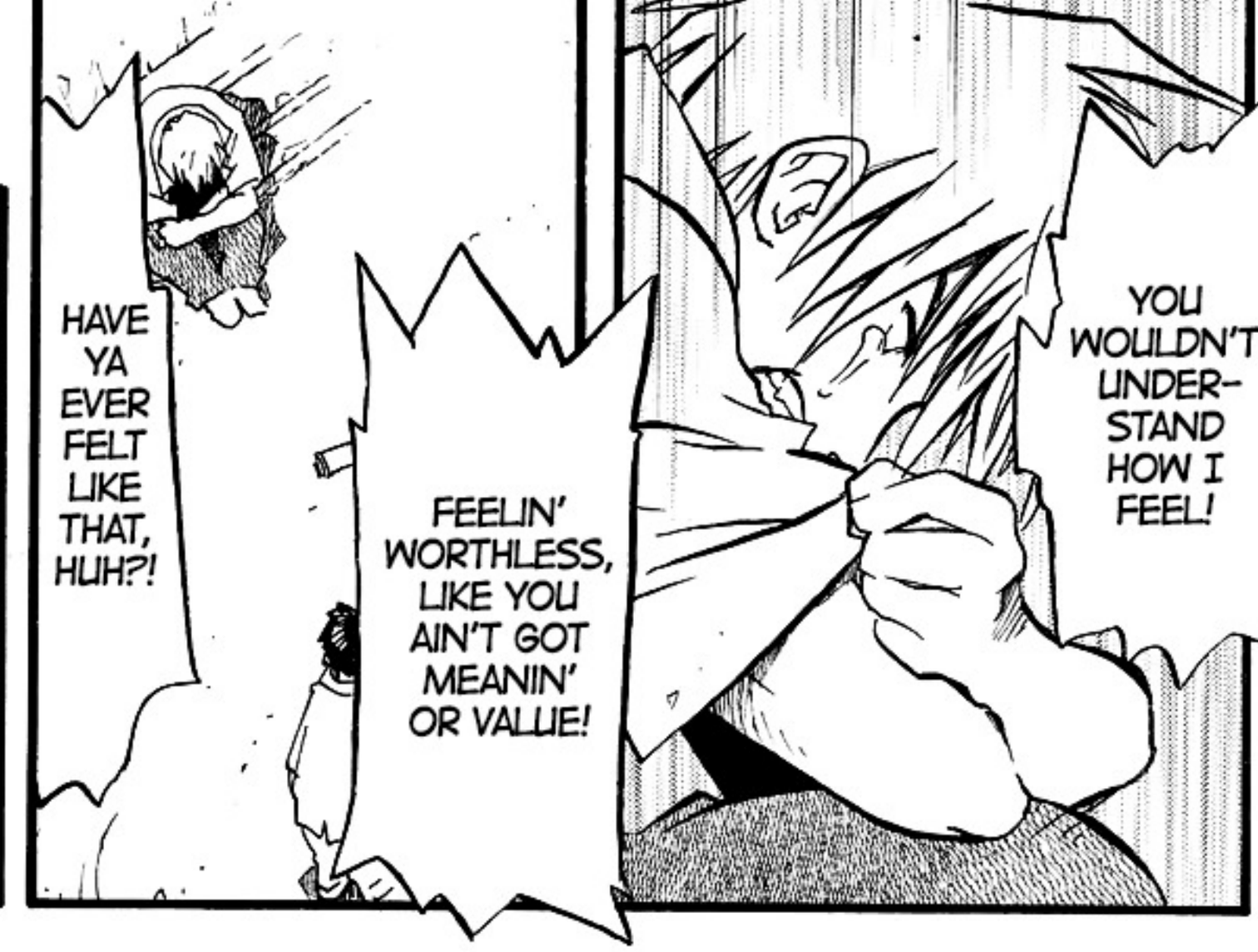
...

UH, YEAH.


HAVE YA EVER FELT LIKE THAT, HUH?!
FEELIN' WORTHLESS, LIKE YOU AIN'T GOT MEANIN' OR VALUE!
YOU WOULDN'T UNDER-STAND HOW I FEEL!

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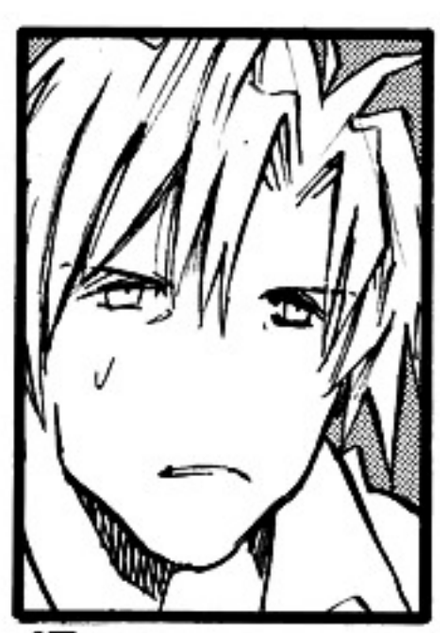
AT LEAST...
...YOU CAN PUT YER PAIN INTO WORDS.

WE'VE *ALL* BEEN TOSSED 'ROUND AND DESERTED UNTIL WE ENDED UP HERE.

THE KIDS HERE, BIG OR SMALL, THEY *ALL* HAVE THE SAME STORY.

IT SUCKS THAT YOU WERE ABANDONED, BUT GIMME A BREAK. I *KNOW* HOW YA FEEL.



YA SEE THESE KIDS? I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE THE EMPTINESS THEY *CAN'T* EXPRESS.

...WHY DON'TCHA COME HELP ME IN THE KITCHEN?
SO, IF YA GOT ENOUGH TIME TO SIT 'ROUND, FEELIN' SORRY FOR YERSELF...

...BUT THERE'S A LOT YA CAN LEARN FROM OTHERS WHEN YA WORK TOGETHER.

SEE? LIVIN' WITH OTHERS AIN'T SO BAD.
SURE, THERE CAN BE A FEW PROBLEMS HERE AND THERE...

AND THAT WAS THE WAY LIFE CONTINUED... UNTIL...

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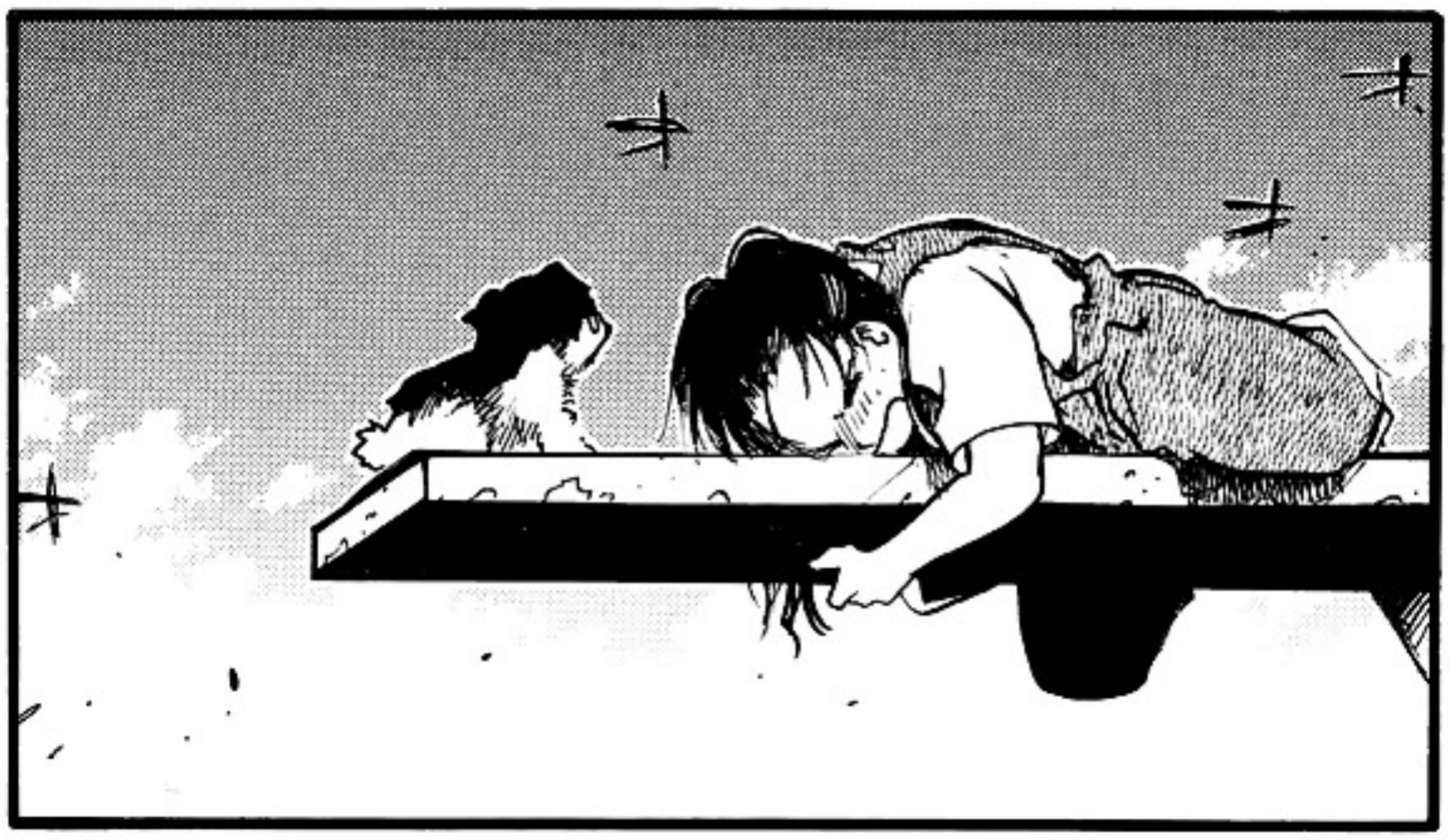
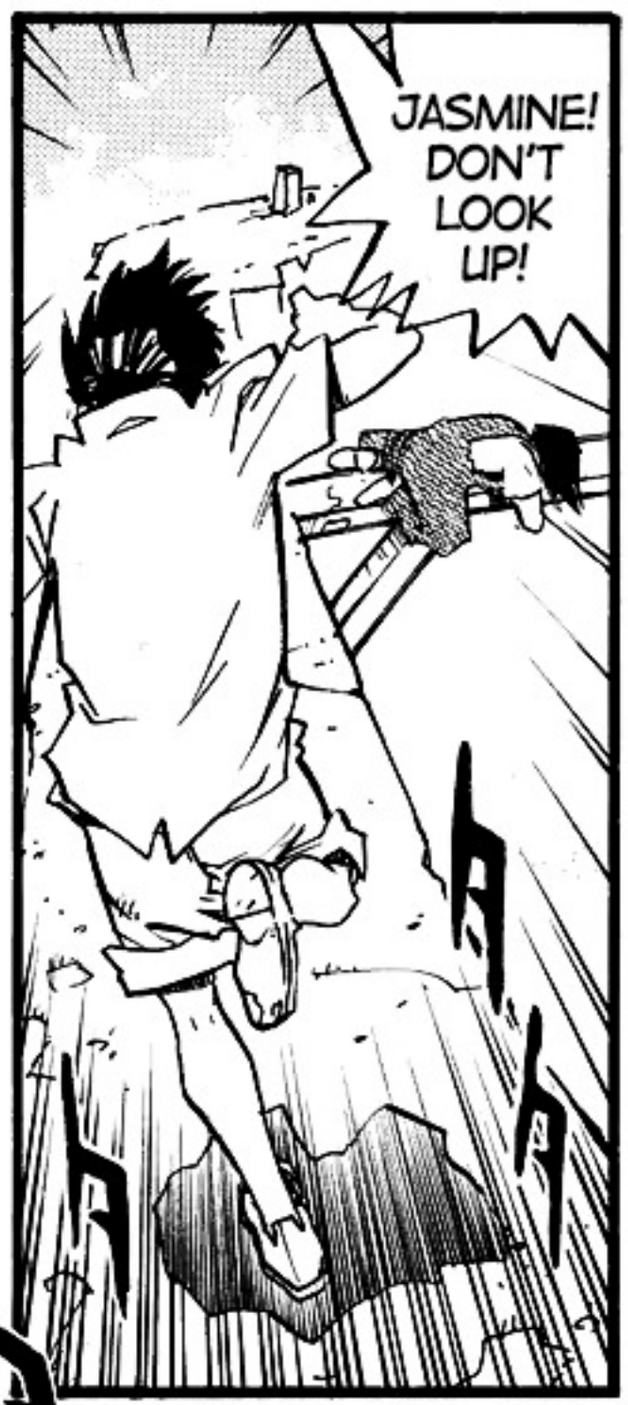
...
THANKS.

...THERE WAS AN EVENT THAT HAD A MAJOR IMPACT ON LIVIO.





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NO!
DON'T LOOK UP!

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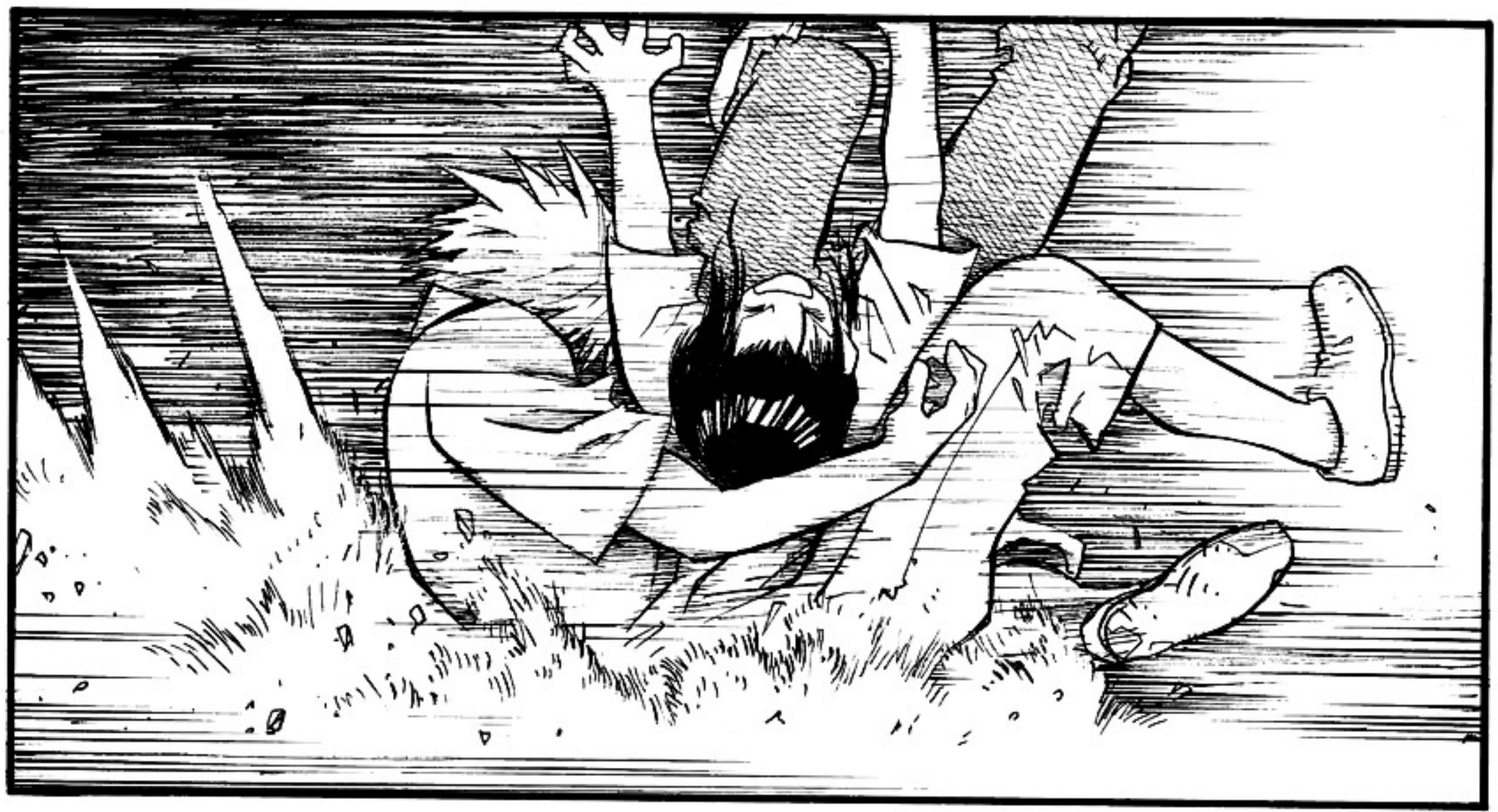
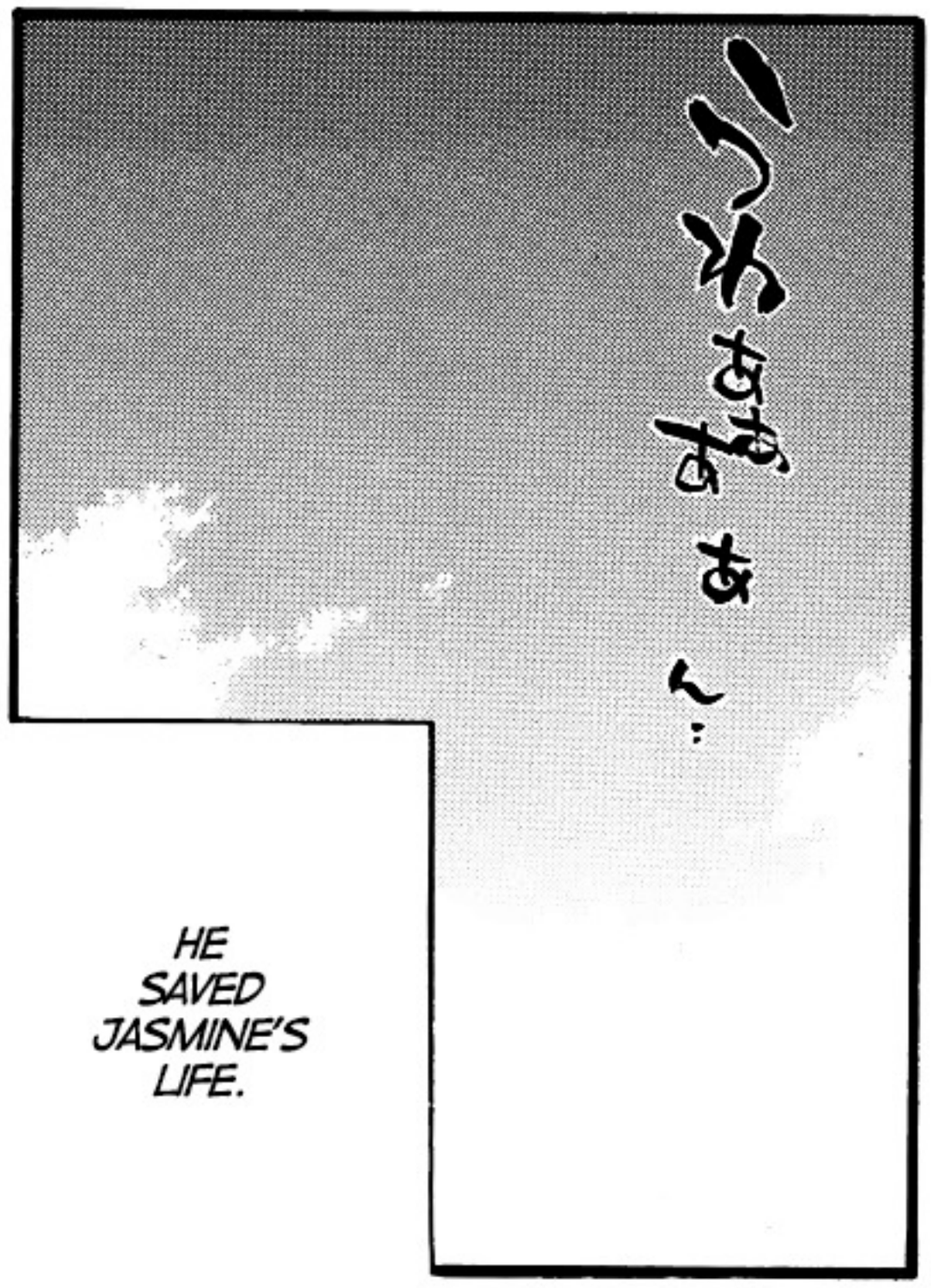


HAH!
HAH!


HE SAVED JASMINE'S LIFE.

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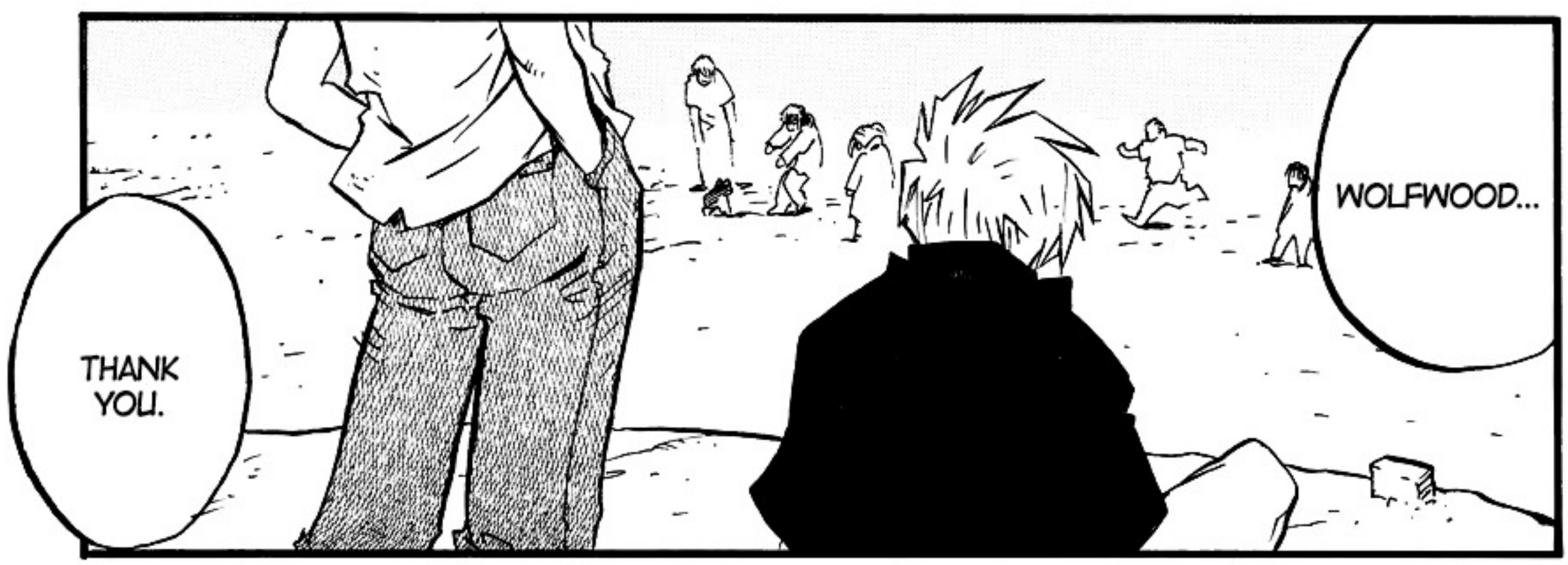
THANK YOU.
WOLFWOOD...

...WAS BECAUSE I DIDN'T LOVE SOMEONE ELSE.

THE REASON I WASN'T LOVED...

I FEEL LIKE I FINALLY UNDER-STAND.

OUR LIVES KEPT ON GOIN'...

THE HELL YA TALKIN' 'BOUT?

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

LISTEN UP.

...BUT THE GOOD TIMES WEREN'T GONNA LAST.

YER A BIG BOY NOW, AND YA SHOULD BE ABLE TO GO TO THE POTTY ON YER OWN.

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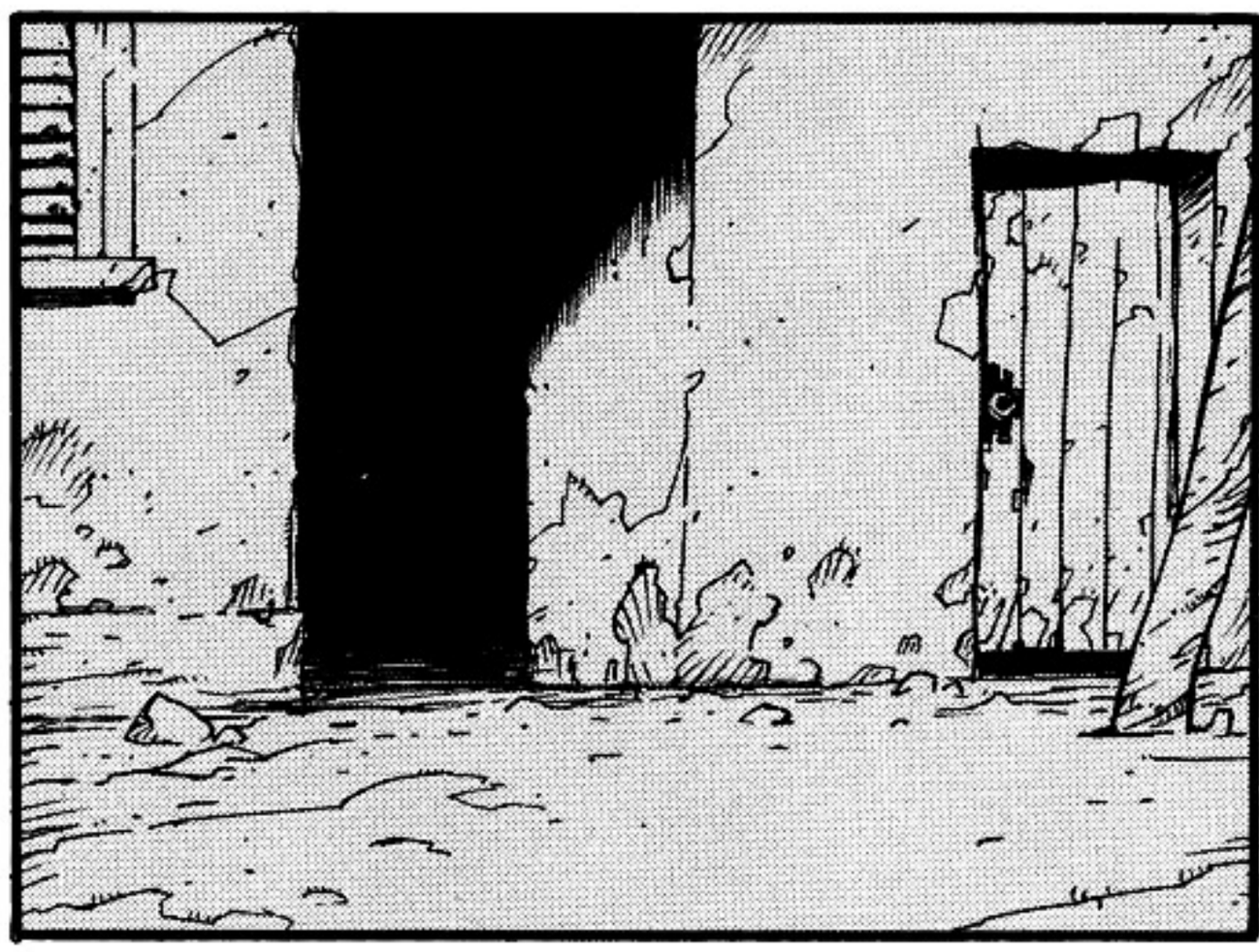
HOW COME YA ALWAYS FORGET THAT WHEN IT SUITS YA?

HM?

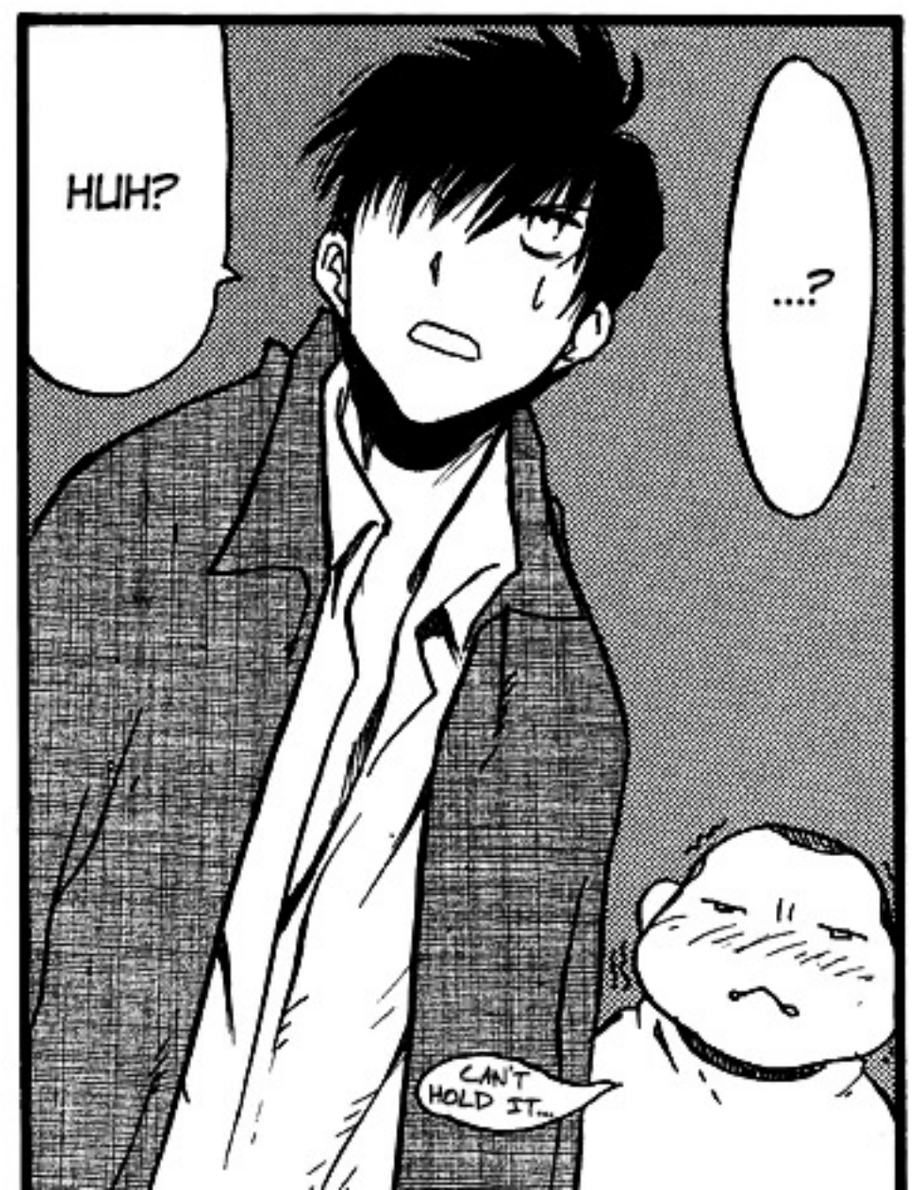
...?

LIVIO?



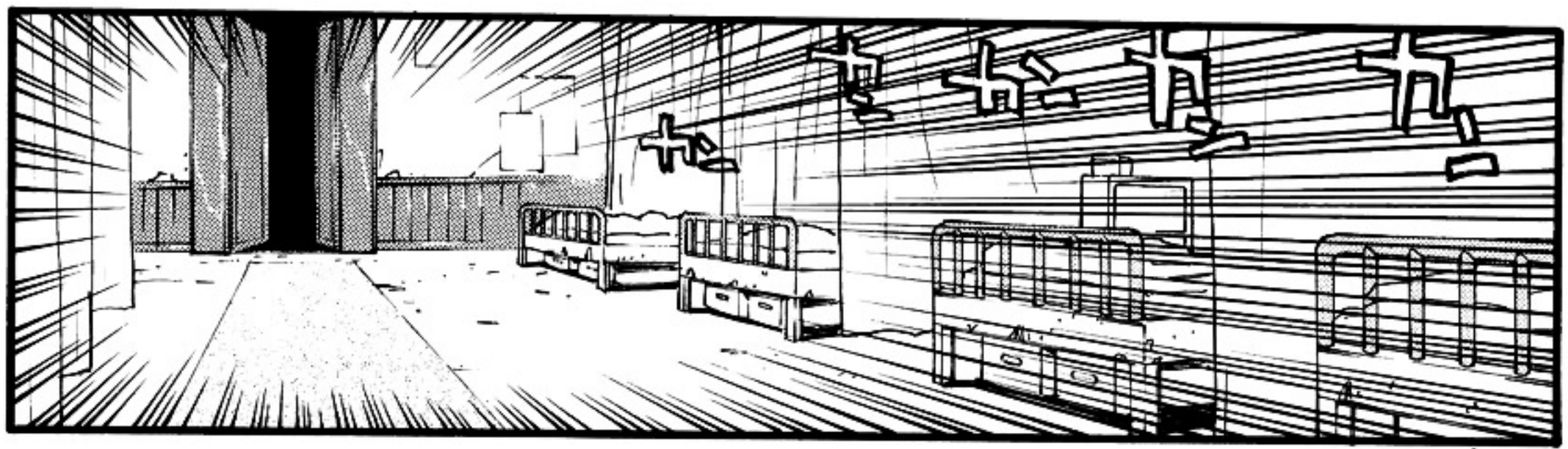
I COULDN'T SHAKE IT, THERE WAS SOMETHIN' WRONG WITH HIS EYES.

THEN...



IN THE SAME PLACE I SAW LIVIO LAST NIGHT...

IT WAS THE PUPPY... SOME-ONE KILLED IT...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WHAT?
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HUH? WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL THIS EARLY IN THE MOR-NIN'?

AW, COME ON...
JUST GIMME FIFTEEN MORE MIN-UTES...

LIVIO! YA BAS-TARD!
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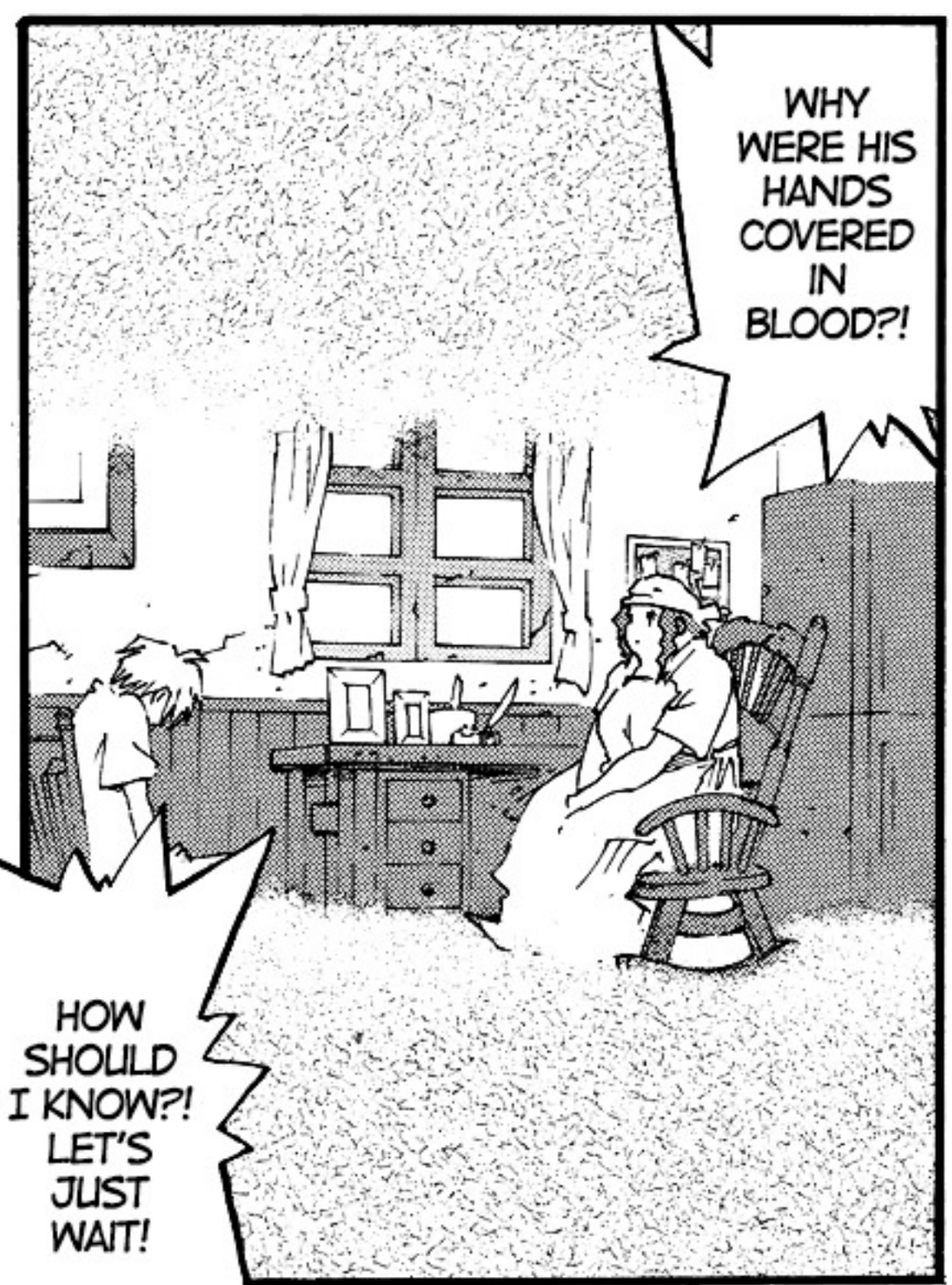

WHY WERE HIS HANDS COVERED IN BLOOD?!
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?! LET'S JUST WAIT!

WHERE'S LIVIO?!
WE WANT AN EXPLA-NATION!
HE'S TALKIN' TO MISS MELANIE RIGHT NOW!

WAIT!
EVERY-ONE, CALM DOWN!

IT WASN'T ME.
IT'S THE TRUTH. PLEASE, BELIEVE ME.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE OTHERS. I'LL EXPLAIN EVERY-THING.
YOU CAN SLEEP HERE TONIGHT.
IT MUST BE...
YOU CAN LOOK ME IN THE EYE WHEN YOU SAY THAT.
UHH...
BUT..!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
HEY!
DUM-MY!
DON'T PUSH ME!

NOT *THAT* OLD SPEECH AGAIN!

LISTEN TO ME! REMEMBER WHO'S TAKING CARE OF YOU!

WE CAN'T *JUST* TRUST HIM THAT EASILY!

LIVIO *ISN'T* LYING!

IF HE DIDN'T DO IT, THEN *WHO* DID?!

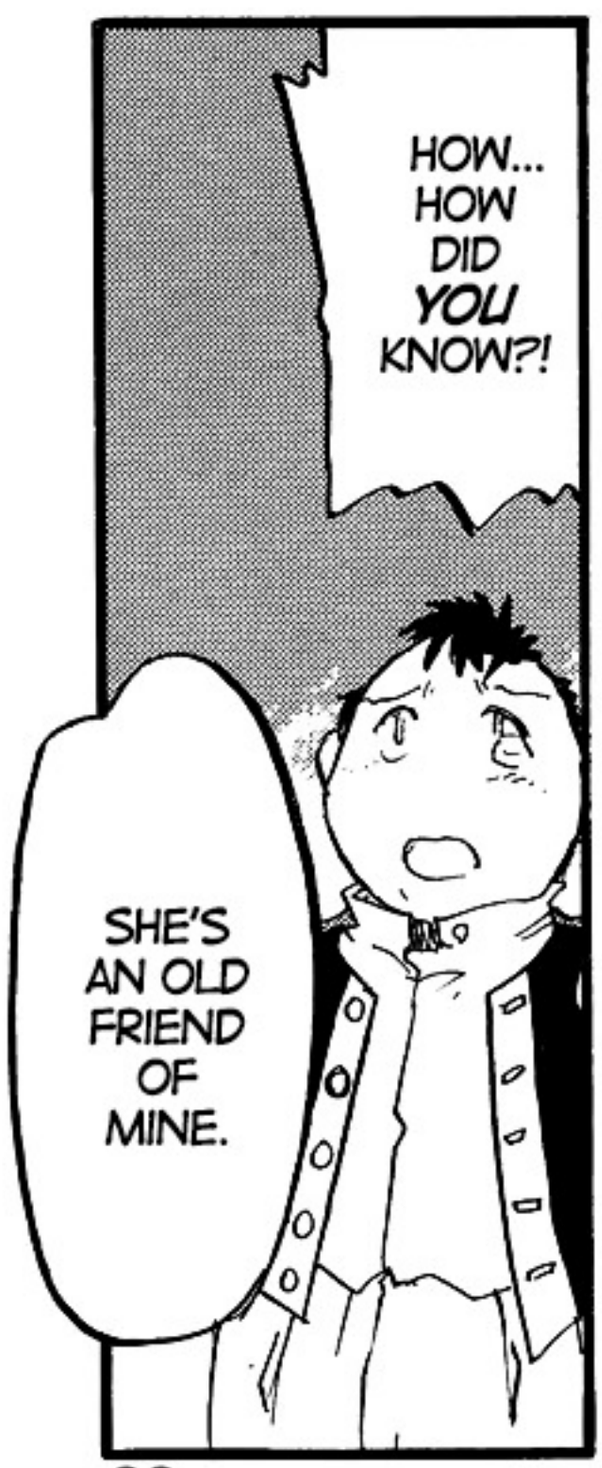
NO ONE ELSE COULD HAVE!

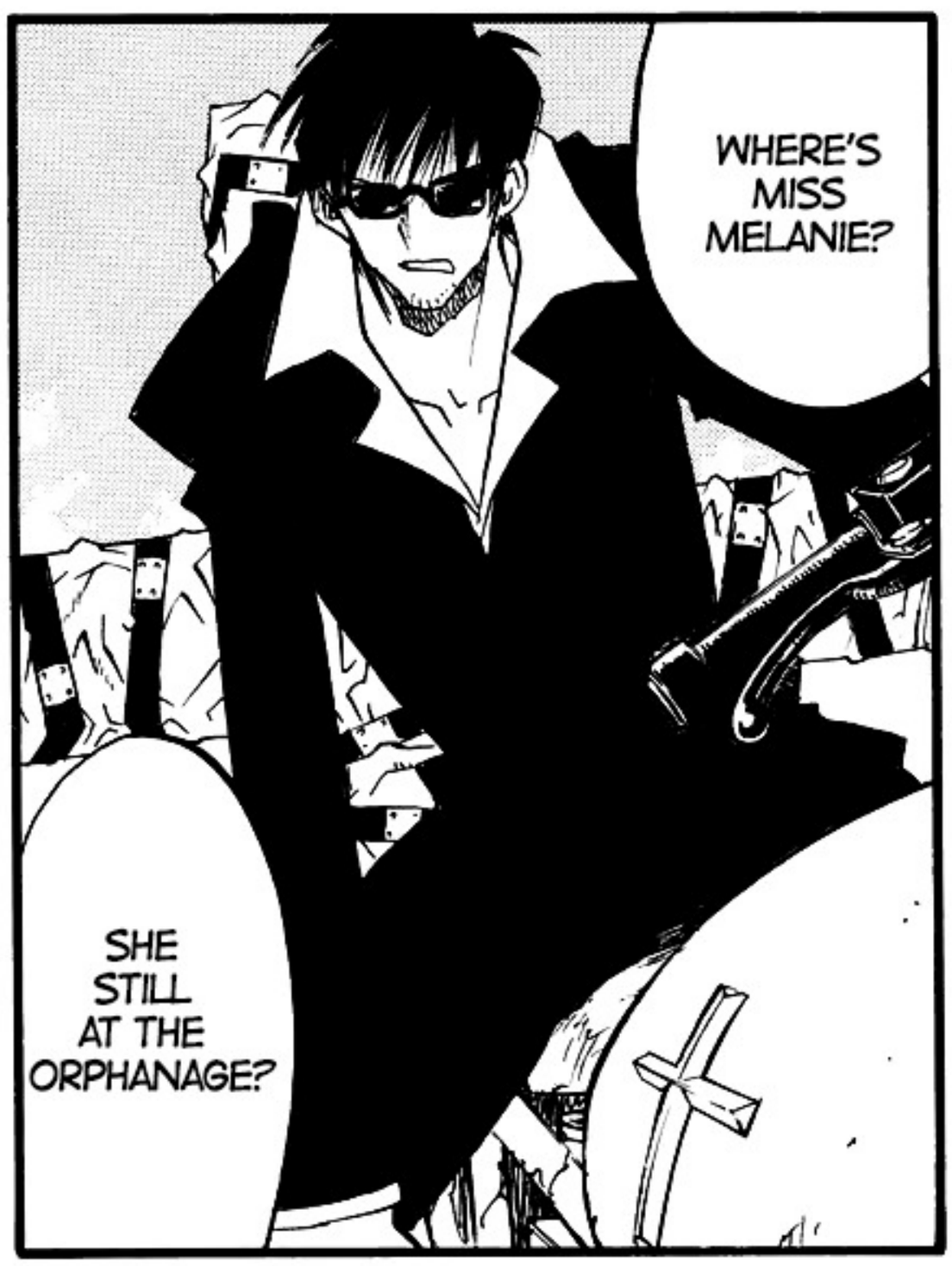
AND THEN...
...HE DISAP-PEARED.
IT WAS...
...AS IF...
...HE BELIEVED THE WORLD NO LONGER WANTED HIM.

YOU BRAT!
YOU COULDA BEEN KILLED!

WE NEED YOUR HELP.
PLEASE...

I'M SORRY ...
BUT NOBODY STOPS WHEN WE JUST CALL OUT.

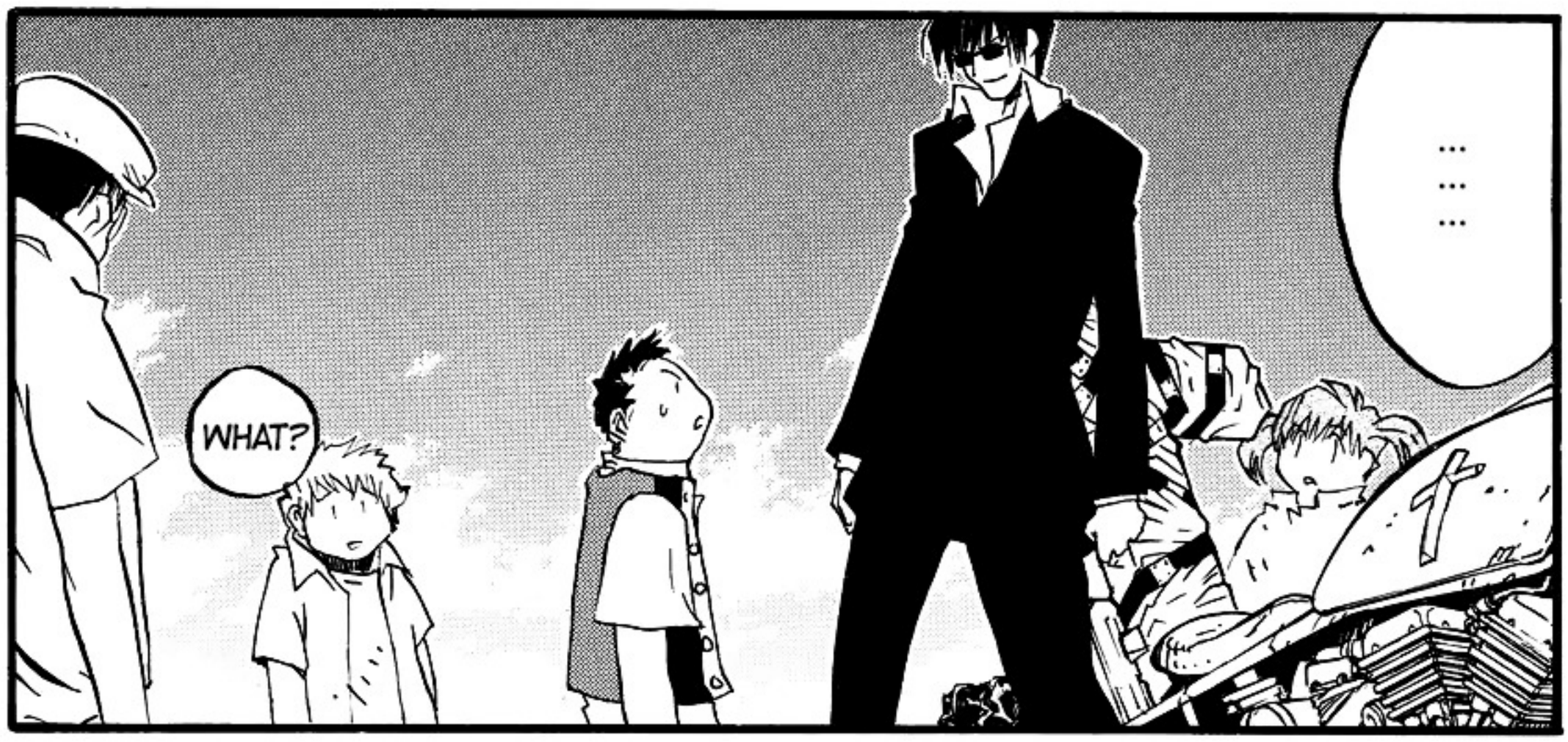

HOW... HOW DID *YOU* KNOW?!
SHE'S AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE.


WHERE'S MISS MELANIE?
SHE STILL AT THE ORPHANAGE?

JUST AS I THOUGHT.
?!

...CAN YA GO TO THE BATHROOM ON YER OWN YET?

SO...
...LITTLE BROTHER...
HUH?


WHAT?
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WE WERE GETTING READY TO LEAVE...
THE REST ARE TRAPPED.
...THEN THEY ARRIVED.

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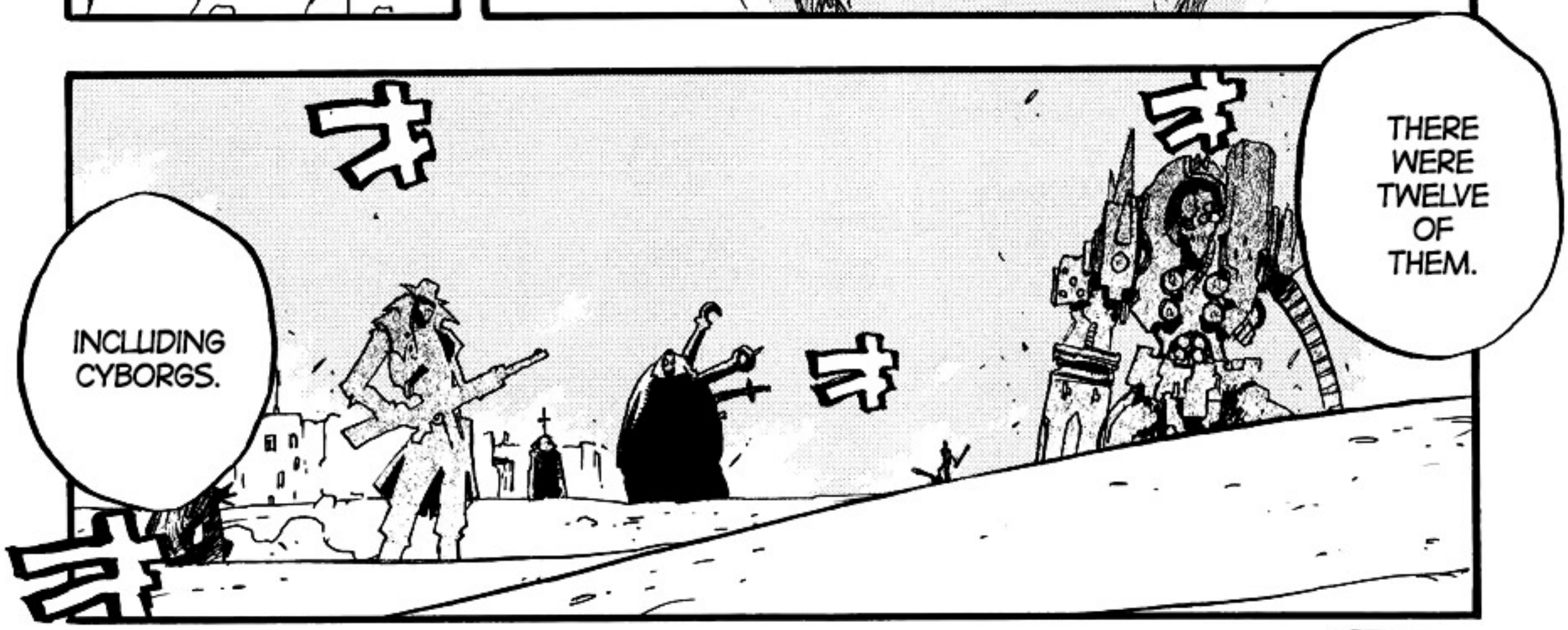
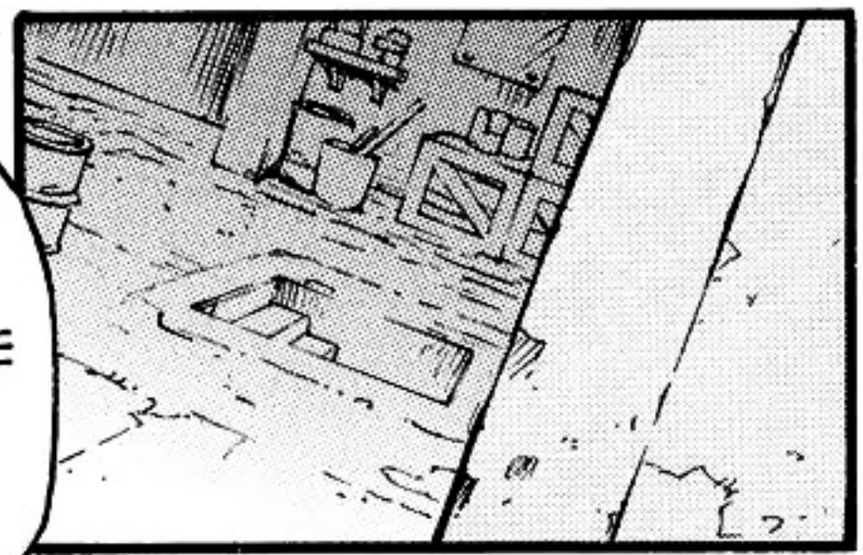
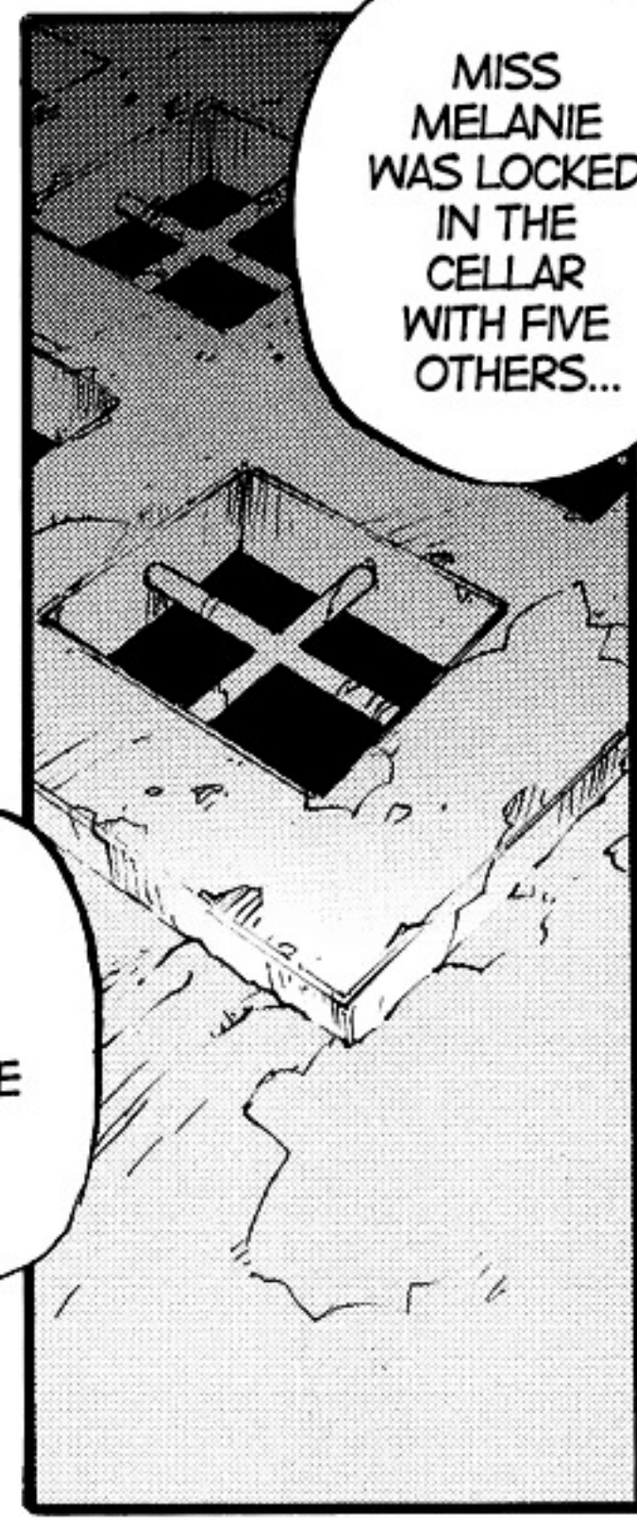

INCLUDING CYBORGS.
THERE WERE TWELVE OF THEM.

DESCRIBE THESE MEN.
THEY WERE *WEIRD.*



...BY TWO STRANGE MEN.


MISS MELANIE WAS LOCKED IN THE CELLAR WITH FIVE OTHERS...

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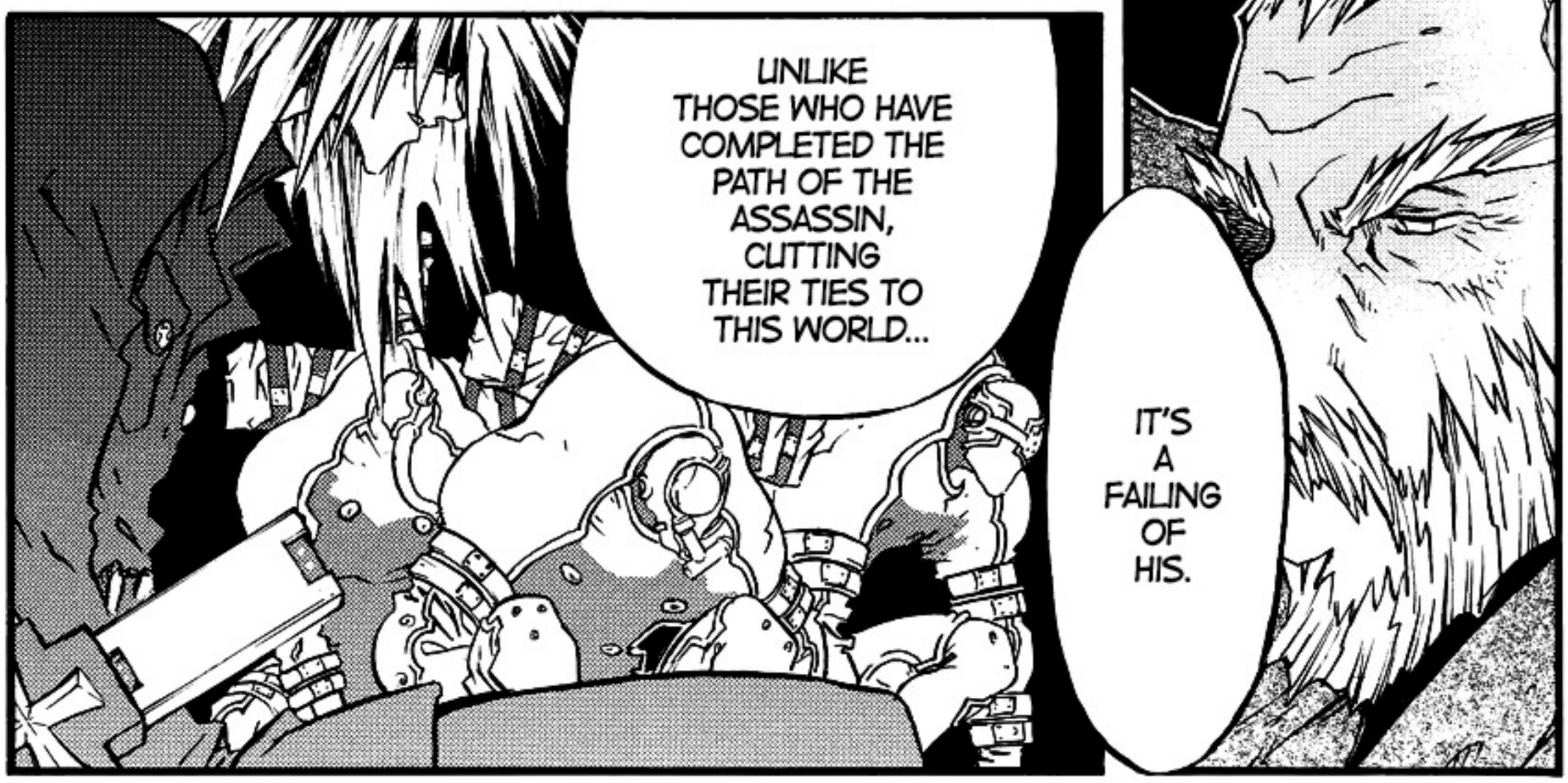
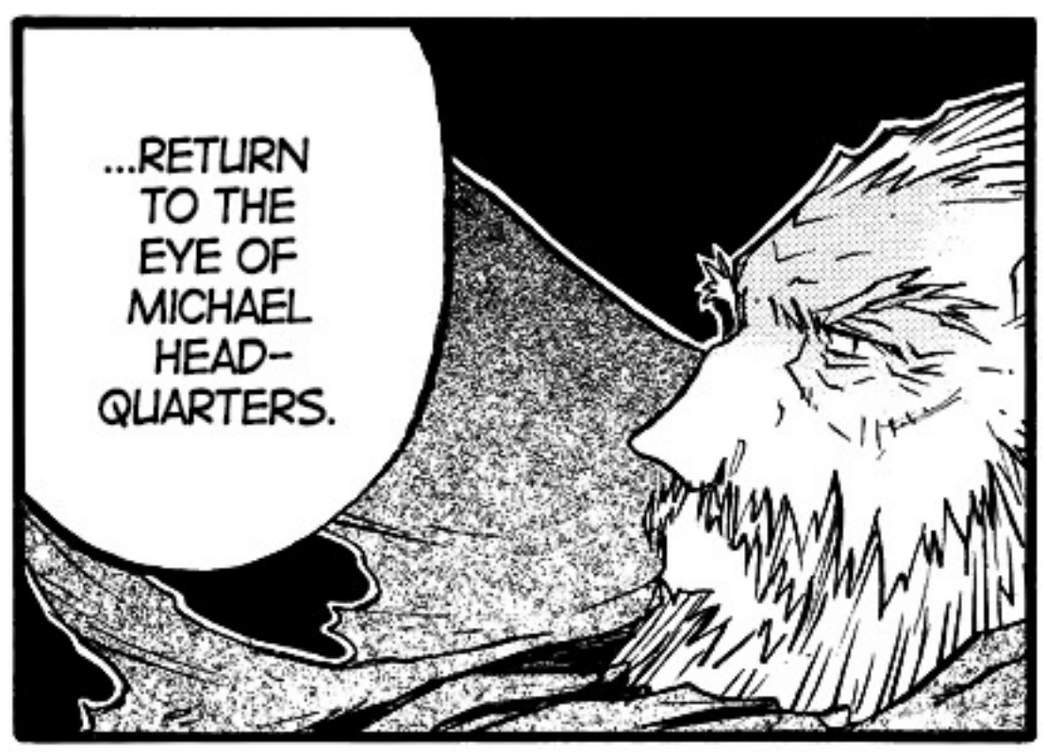
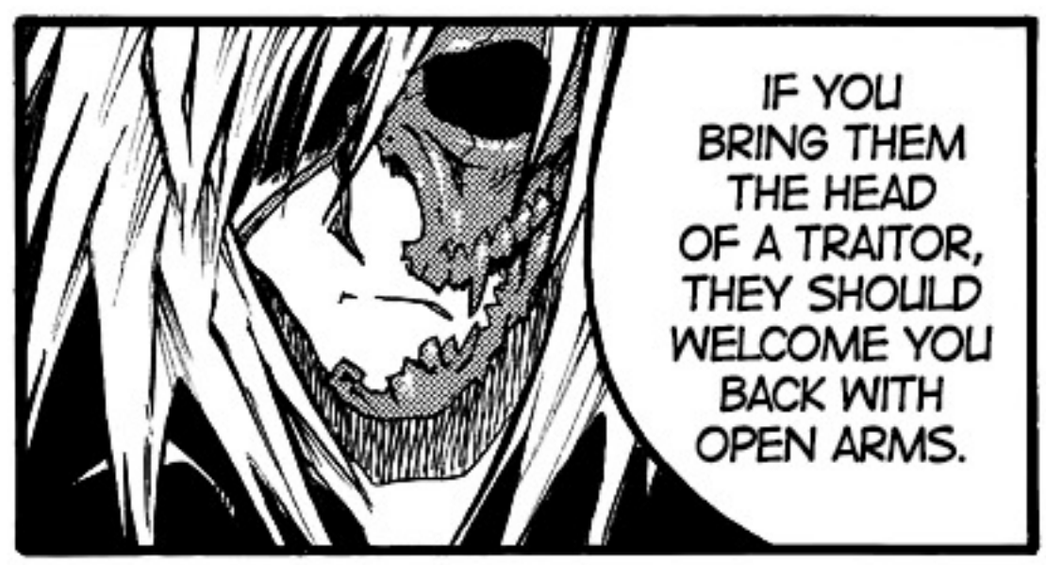
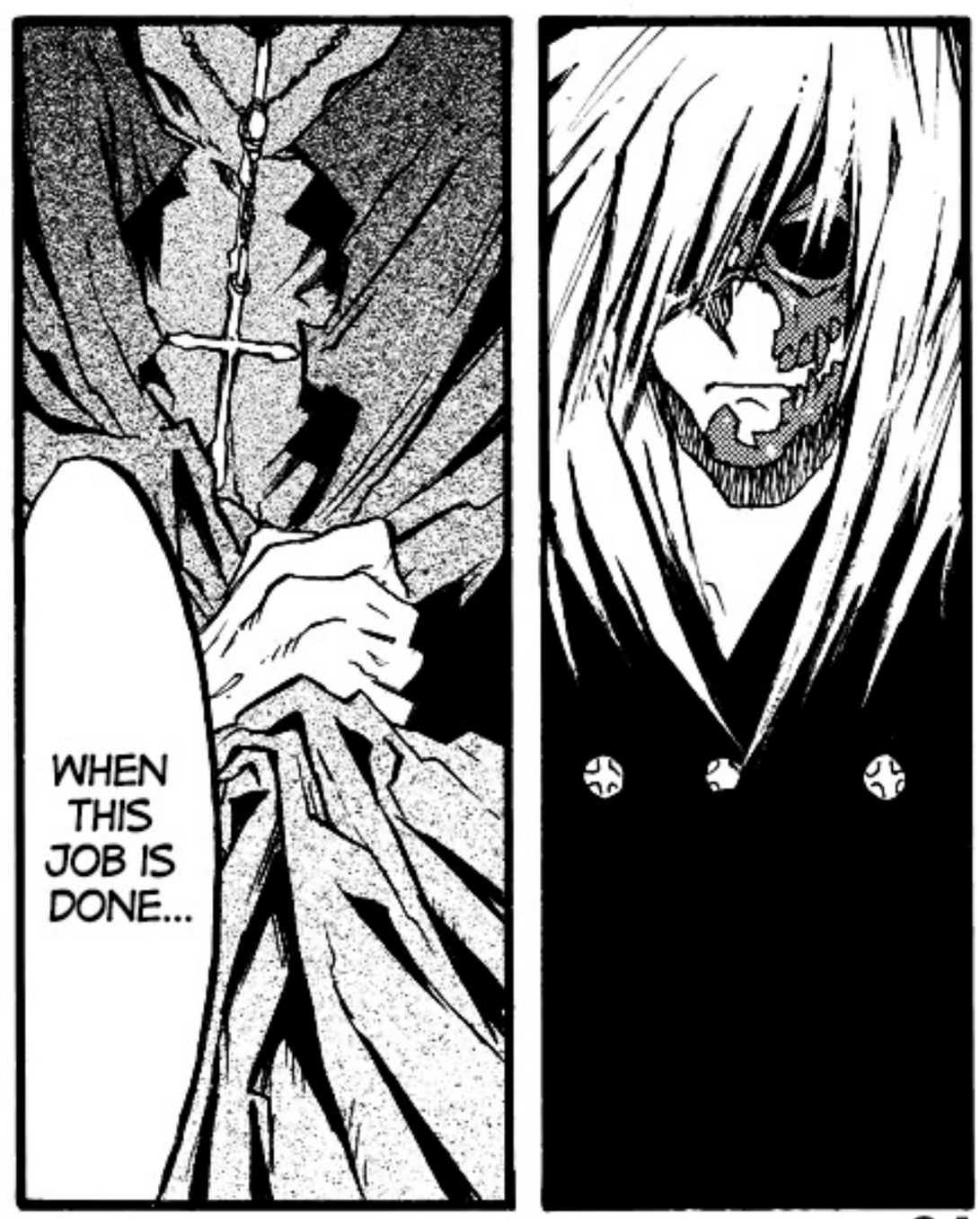
...
WHAT IS IT?
YOUR BREATHING IS IRREGULAR.
DON'T WORRY...
HE'S NOT THE TYPE TO IGNORE *THIS* KIND OF BAIT.
BUT THEY WERE ALSO VERY SCARY.

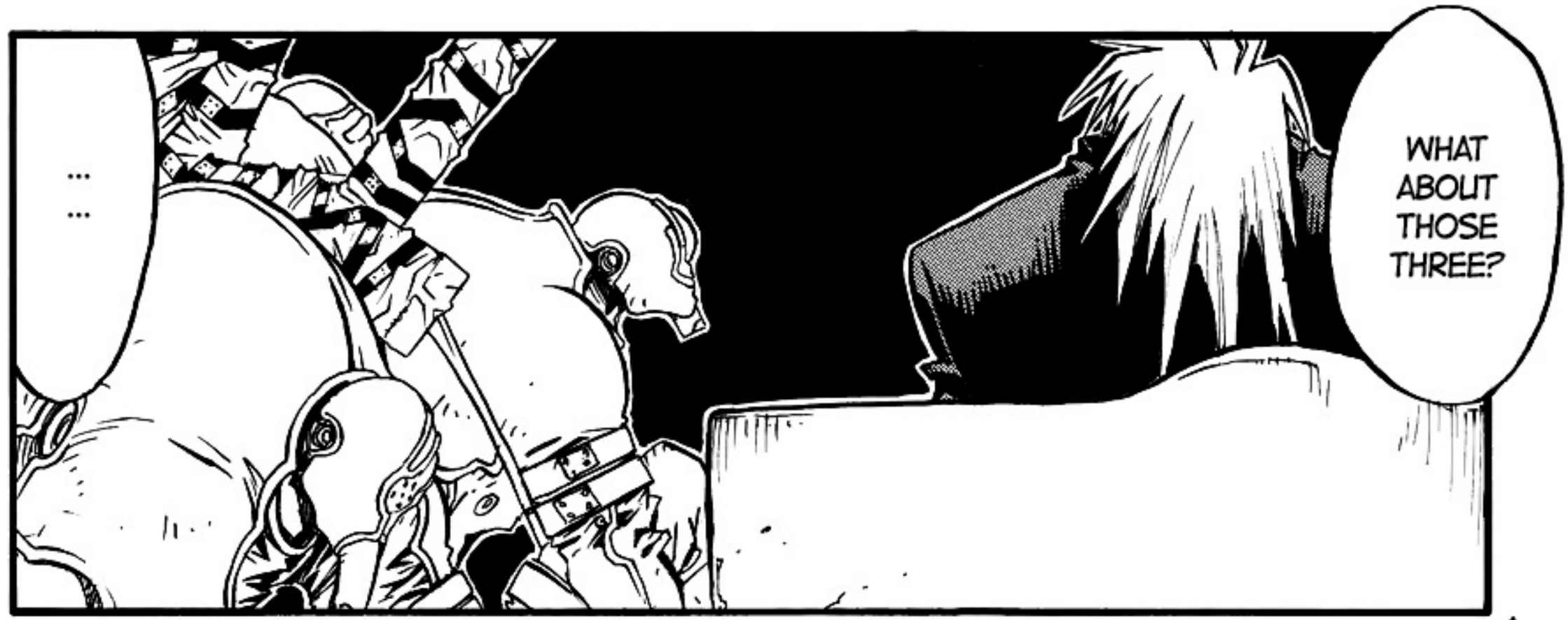

UNLIKE THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE PATH OF THE ASSASSIN, CUTTING THEIR TIES TO THIS WORLD...
IT'S A FAILING OF HIS.

...ARE *FATAL*.
THESE BURDEN-SOME ATTACH-MENTS...
...HE WAS UNABLE TO FORSAKE HIS "FAMILY."


...RETURN TO THE EYE OF MICHAEL HEAD-QUARTERS.


IF YOU BRING THEM THE HEAD OF A TRAITOR, THEY SHOULD WELCOME YOU BACK WITH OPEN ARMS.


WHEN THIS JOB IS DONE...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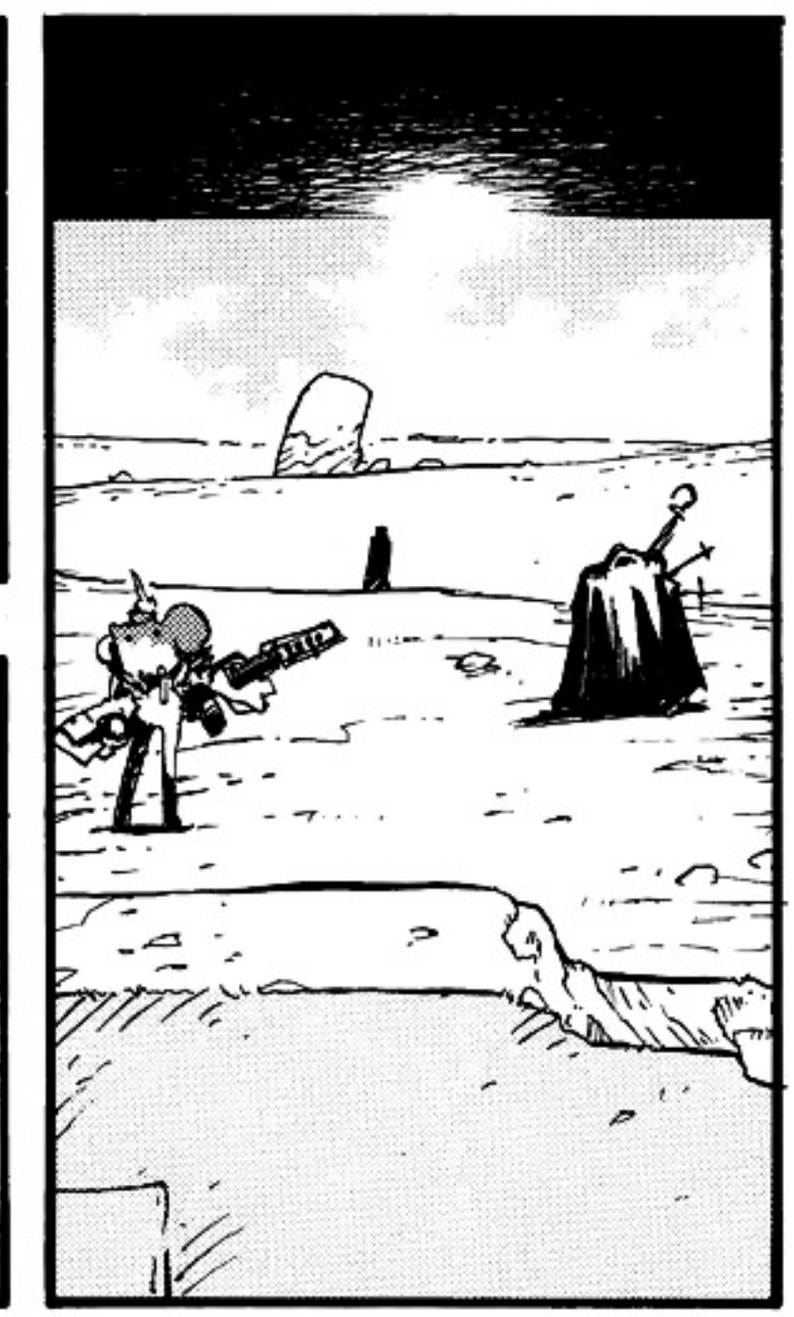
WHAT ABOUT THOSE THREE?

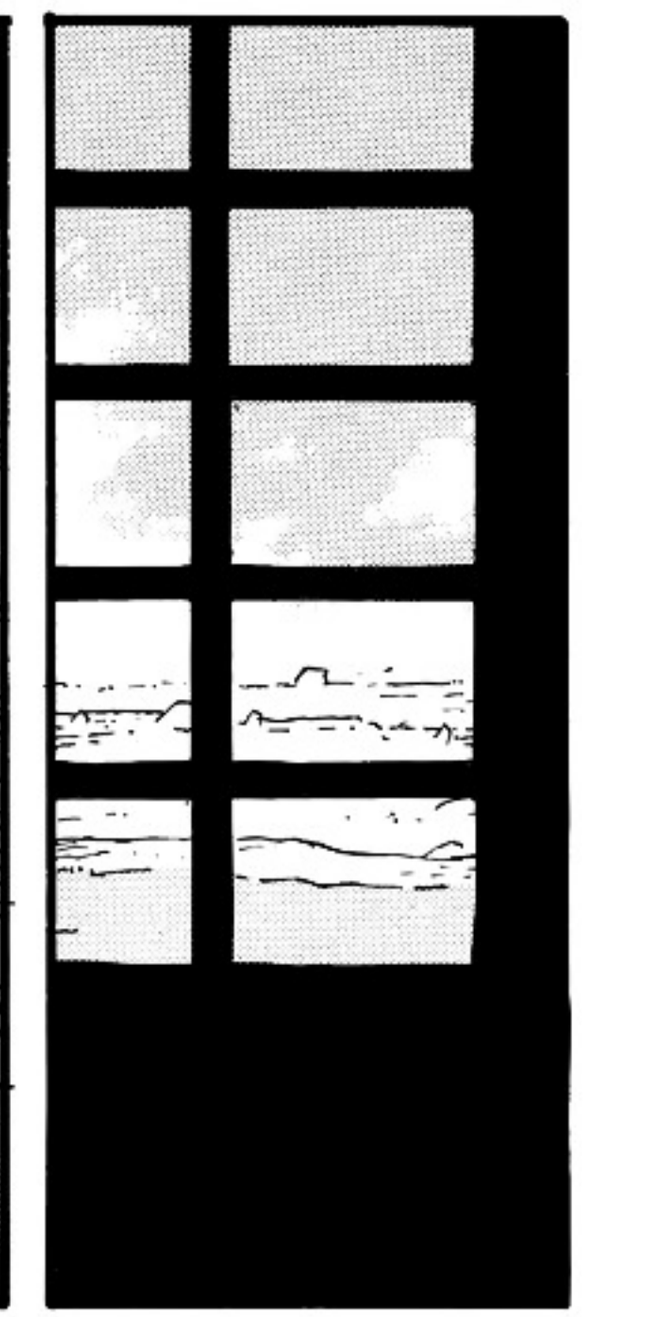
I HAVE TO ASK...

DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU.
THEY'RE JUST IGNORING ME.
WELL...

HA!
HA HA HA!

ARE THEY REALLY NECES-SARY?
FOR THIS SITU-ATION...
...THE TWO OF US SHOULD SUFFICE.



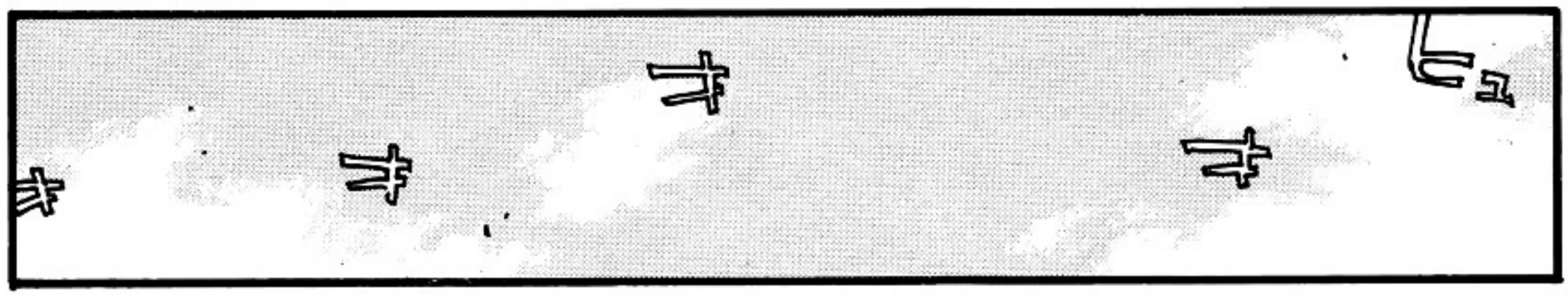


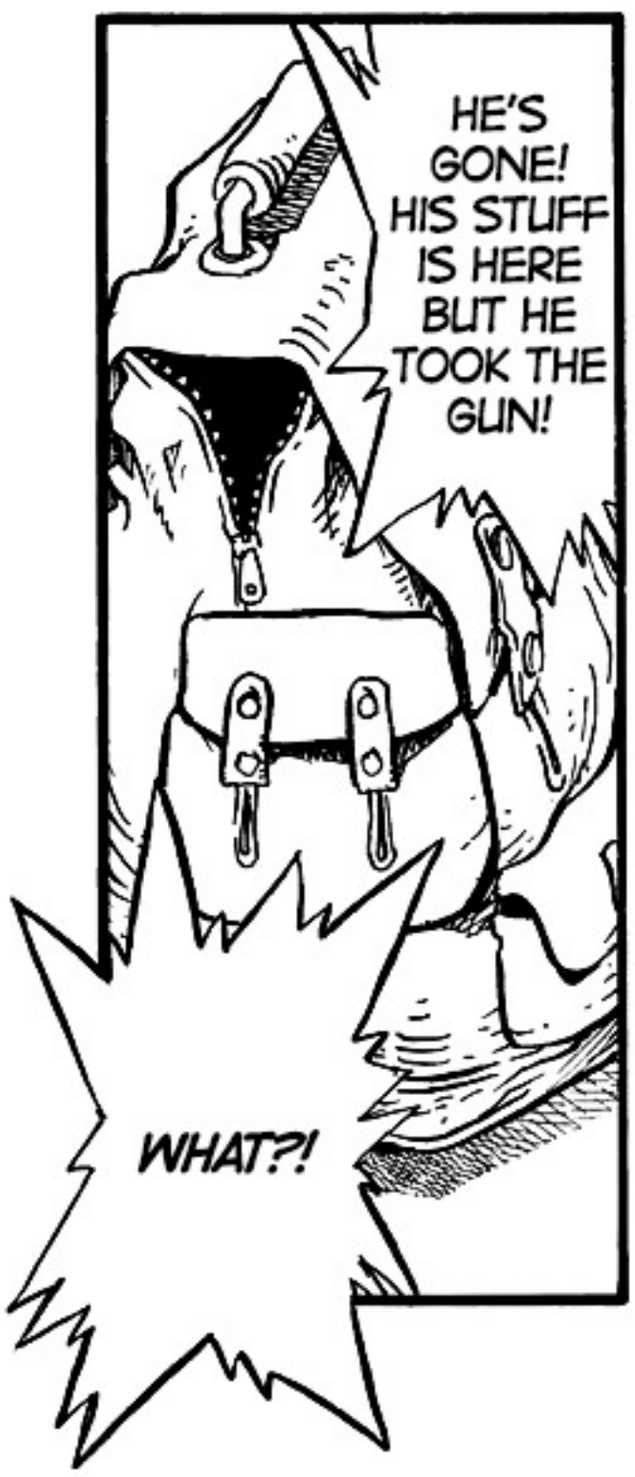
THINK OF THEM AS "BELLS," LIKE ALARMS AROUND THE COMPLEX.

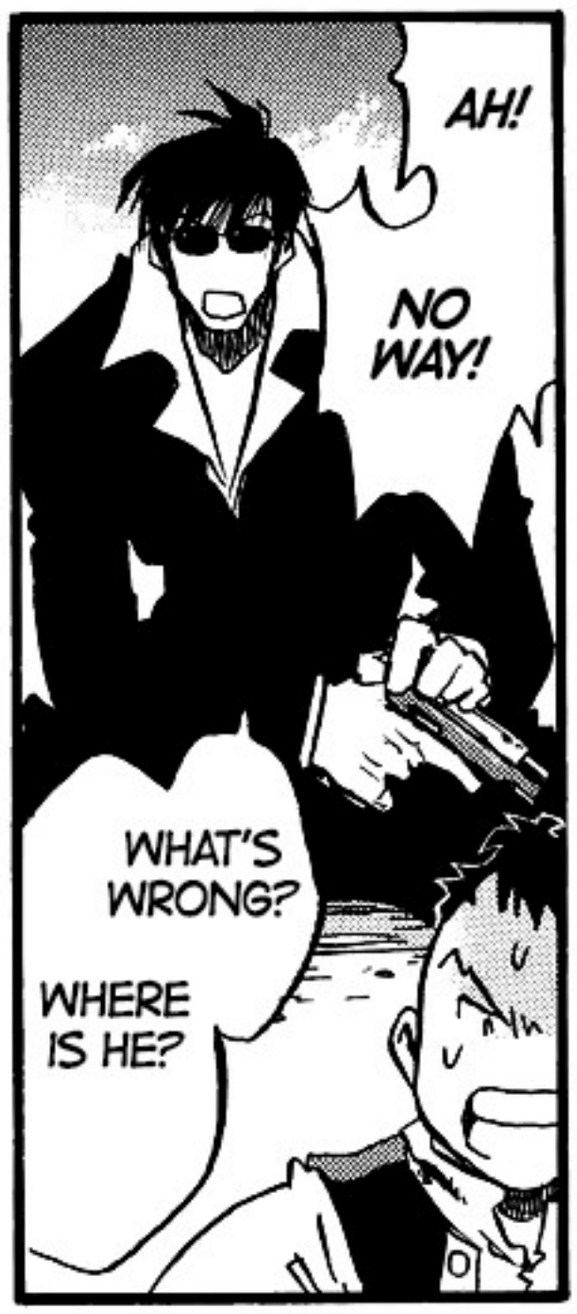
BUT, YOU SEE...

THERE IS NO CHANCE FOR THEM TO BEAT HIM.

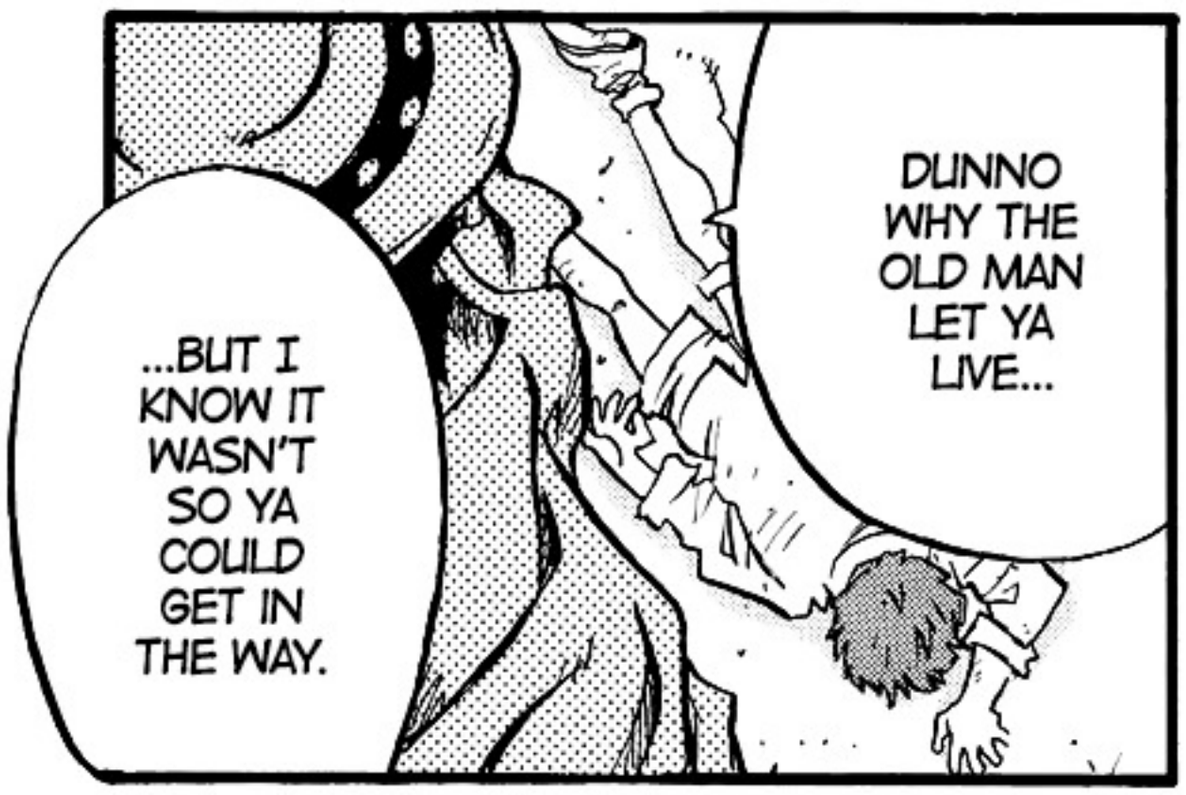
ALARMS?





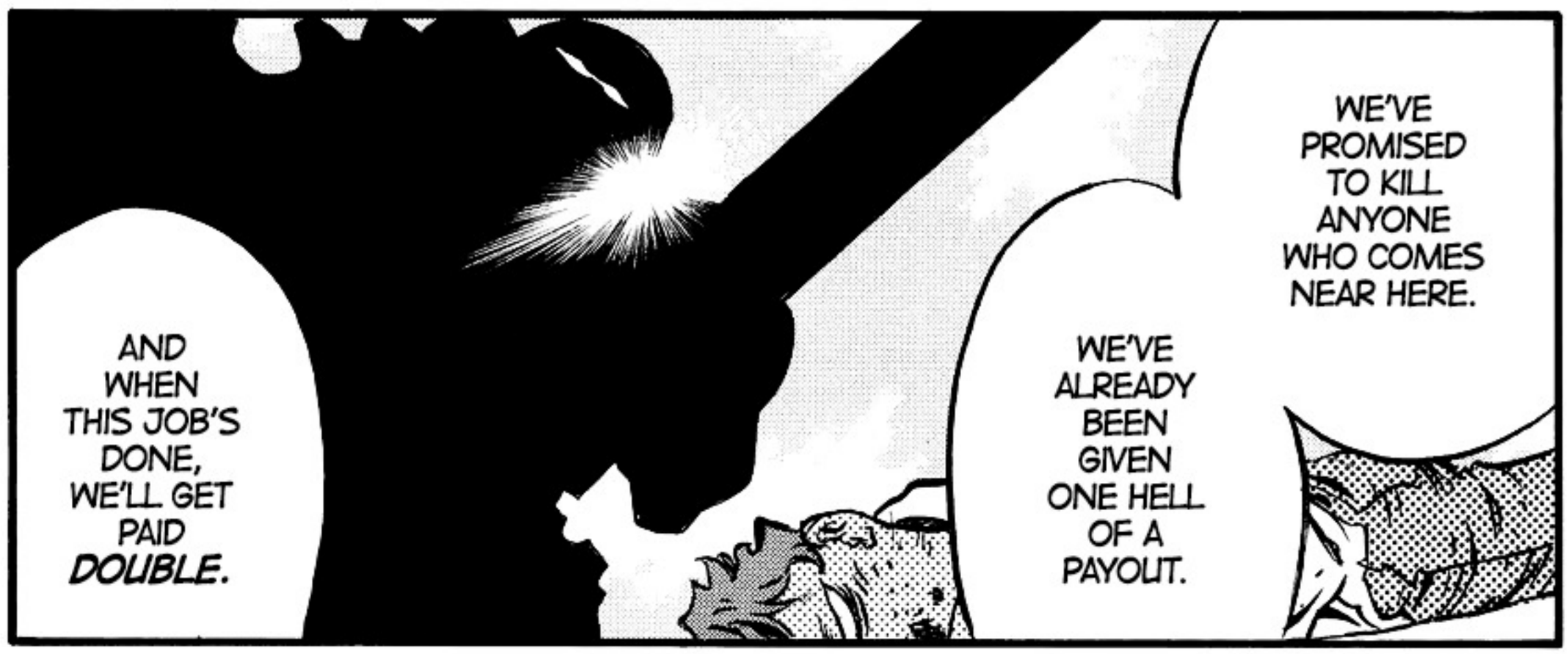


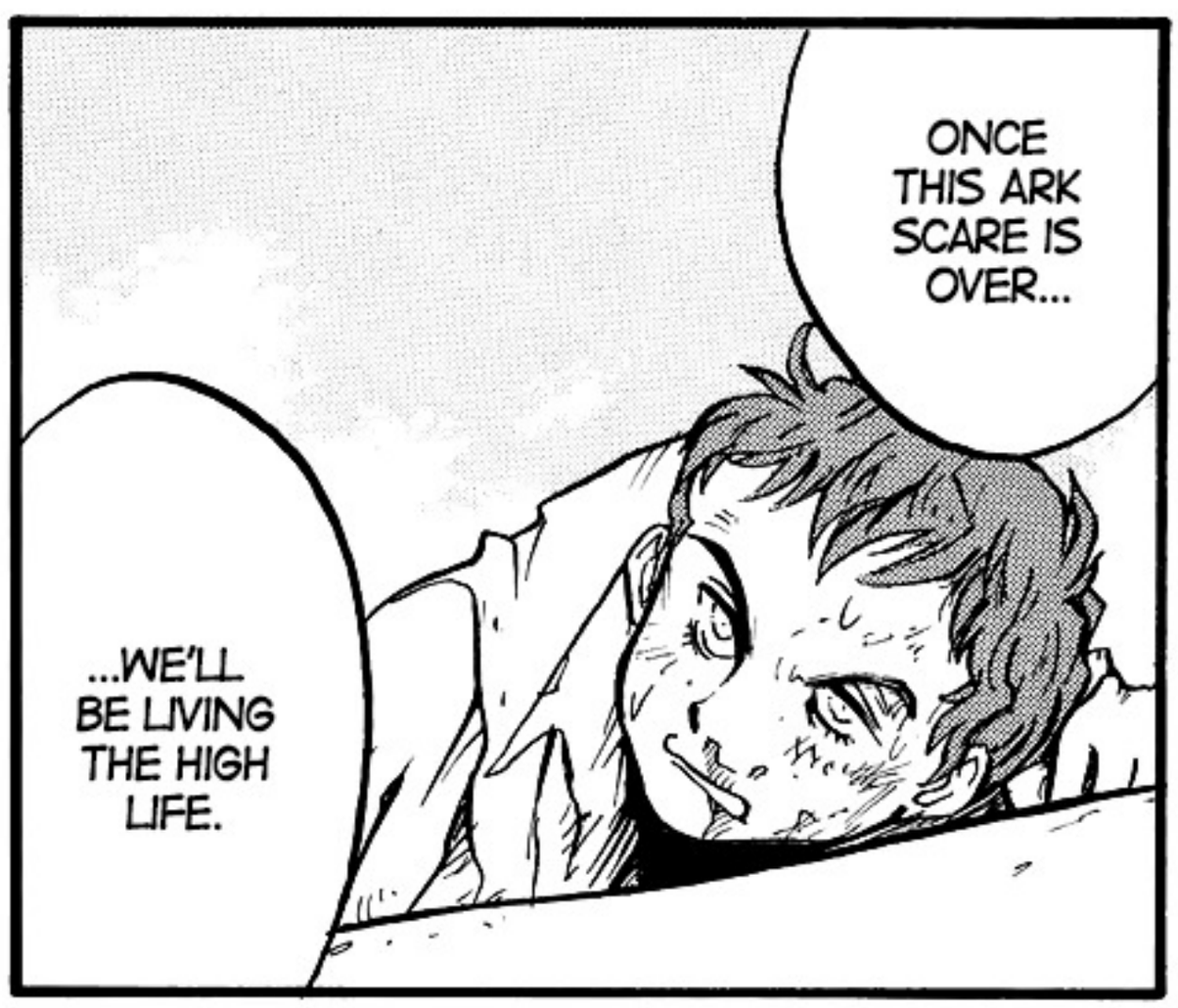
HE WENT OUT ON HIS OWN!
THAT IDIOT!
キュニ
キュニ
GAH!
...HAA...
O!


DUNNO WHY THE OLD MAN LET YA LIVE...
...BUT I KNOW IT WASN'T SO YA COULD GET IN THE WAY.

KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

HEH!
STUPID KID!


AND WHEN THIS JOB'S DONE, WE'LL GET PAID DOUBLE.
WE'VE ALREADY BEEN GIVEN ONE HELL OF A PAYOUT.
WE'VE PROMISED TO KILL ANYONE WHO COMES NEAR HERE.


ONCE THIS ARK SCARE IS OVER...
...WE'LL BE LIVING THE HIGH LIFE.

I DO TAKE PITY ON YA...
...BUT I'M GONNA USE YOU AS A PART OF OUR PLANS, ALRIGHT?

HEH HEH HEH HEH
OH, I SEE.
SHE'S THE ONE WITH THE NICE ASS.
BIG SISTER?
YA MEAN THAT YOUNG CHICK IN THE CELLAR?
GIVE ME BACK...
...MY BIG SIS-TER!
...I THINK I'LL GO BACK THERE AND TAKE HER 'TIL I'VE HAD MY FILL.
WHEN THIS IS ALL DONE...
...
NGH!
YOU'RE SO...
...BORING.
YOU!
AA AA AA AH!

NO WON-DER...
...YOUR PARENTS LEFT YOU.
JUST PLAIN WEAK.
AND YA DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY MONEY.
MAN...
YOUR REACTIONS ARE JUST UNINTERESTING AND LACK CREATIVITY.
I KNEW THE MOMENT I SAW YA, THAT YOU'RE COMPLETELY WORTHLESS.
HIT A NERVE, DID I? WELL, PARDON ME.
HA HA HA!
...
...
...WHEN YOU KILL SOME-ONE!
THAT'S HOW THEY SHOULD BE...
THAT LOOK...
YOUR EYES LOOK SO PAINED.

HEY, KID...

HELP ME!

...
...

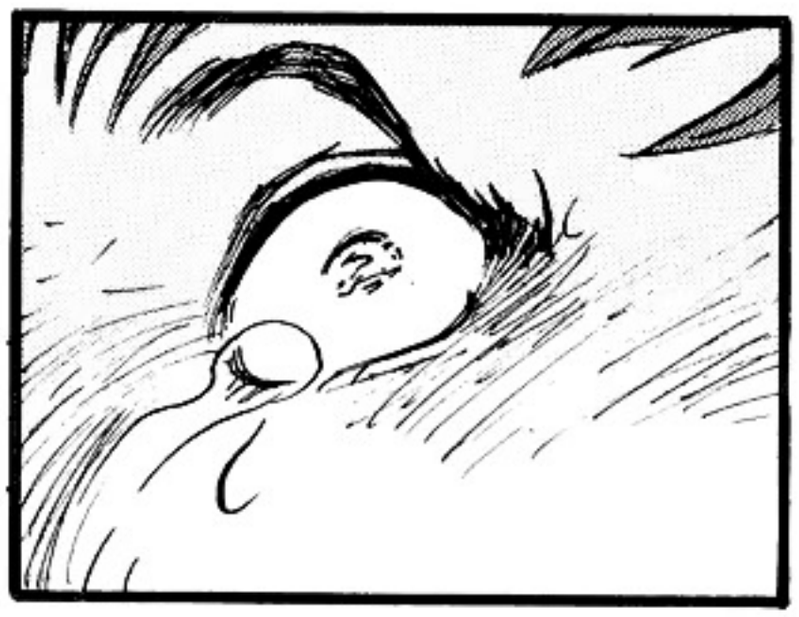
HELP...

HEL...

HEL...

AH!

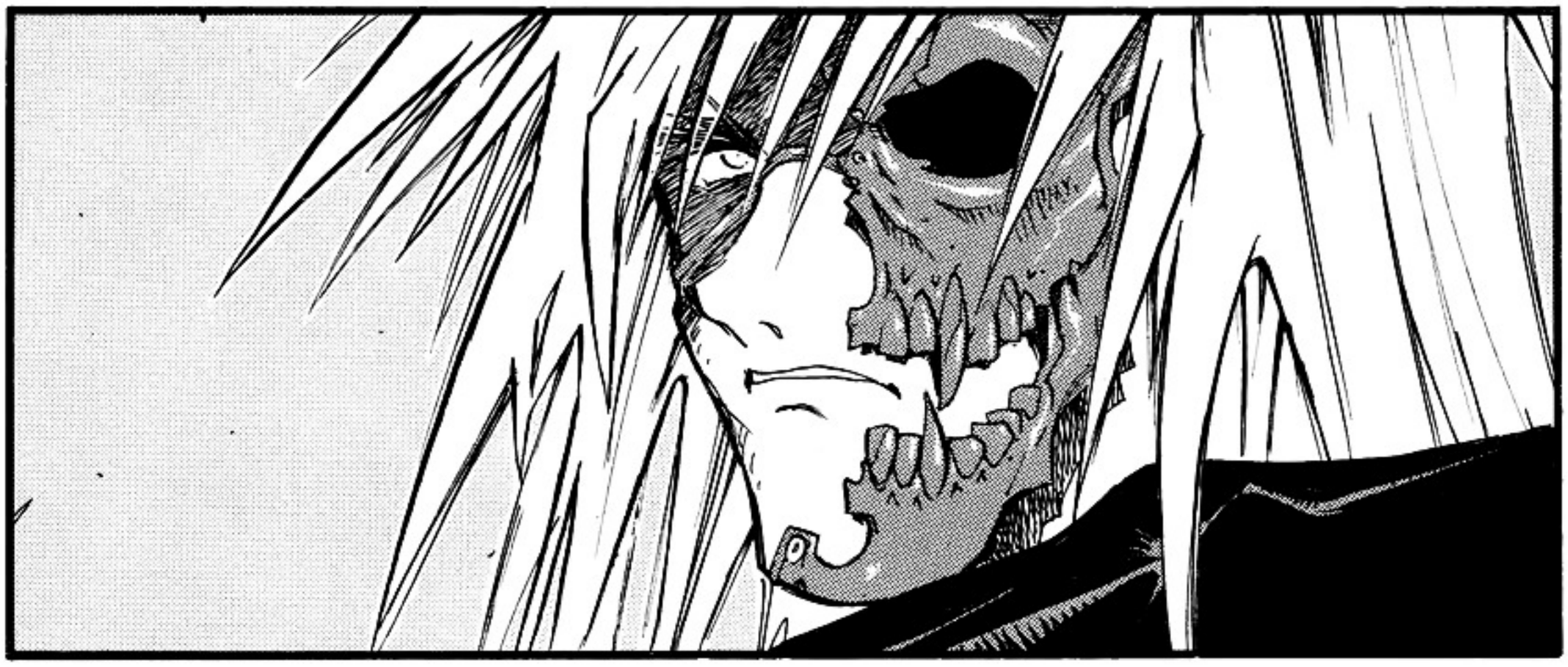
AH...



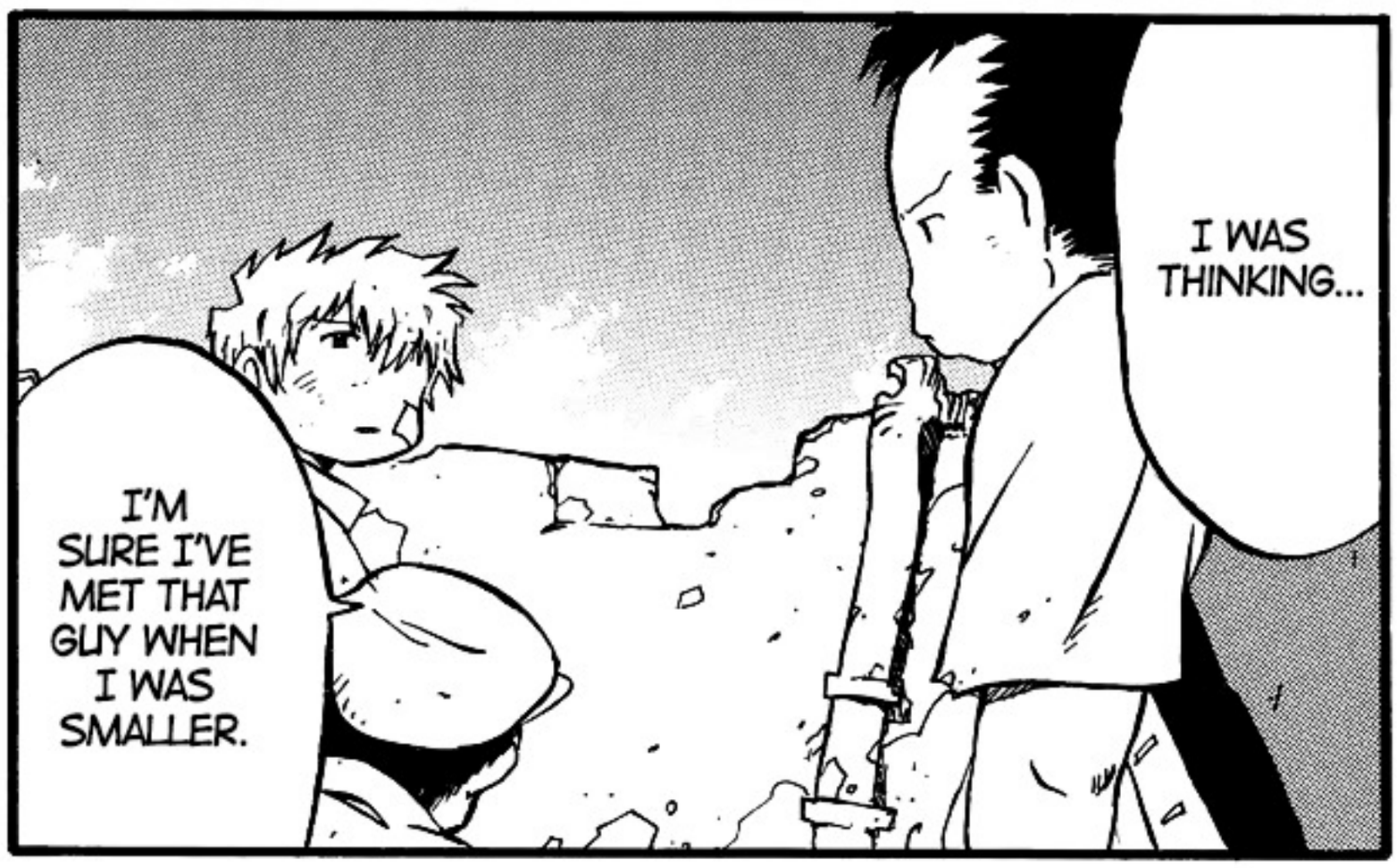
I'M JUST GONNA SHOOT YA AND FORGET ABOUT YA!

YOUR LIFE IS WORTH-LESS!

WHAT A LOUD AND ANNOYING ALARM.
TOO BAD.
I THINK IT HAD A MAL-FUNCTION.

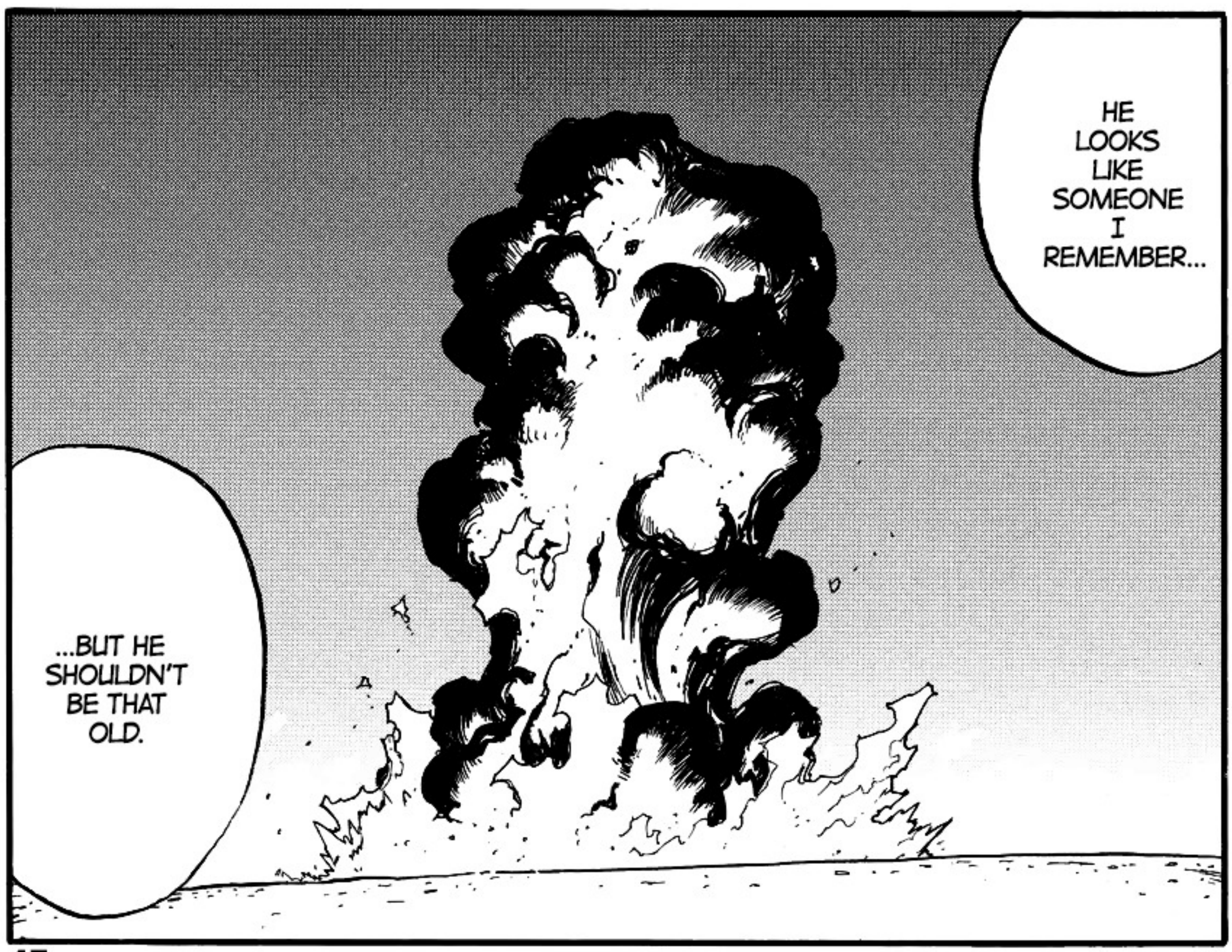


LOOKS LIKE HE'S HERE.
#01. HOME / END

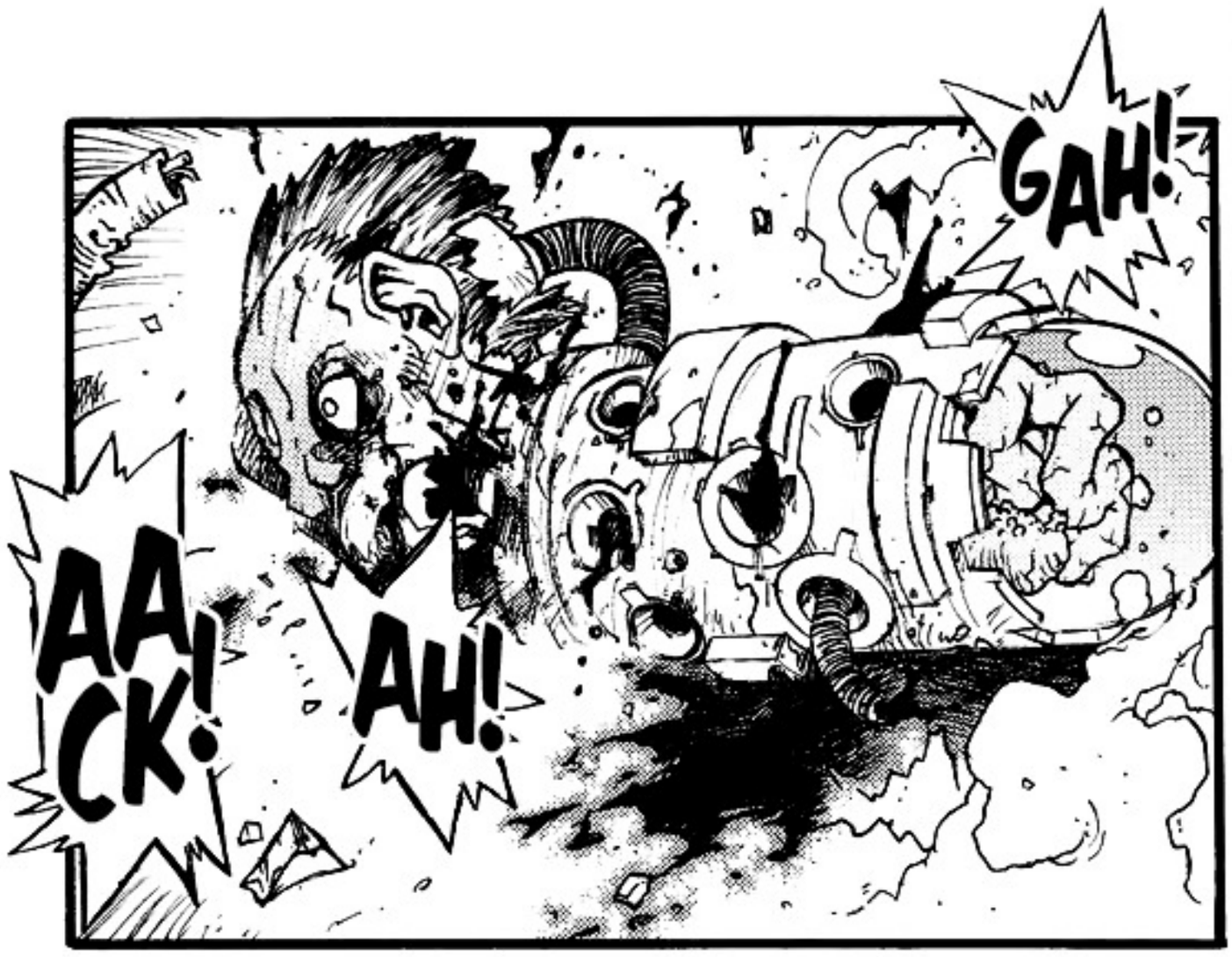

I WAS THINKING...
I'M SURE I'VE MET THAT GUY WHEN I WAS SMALLER.

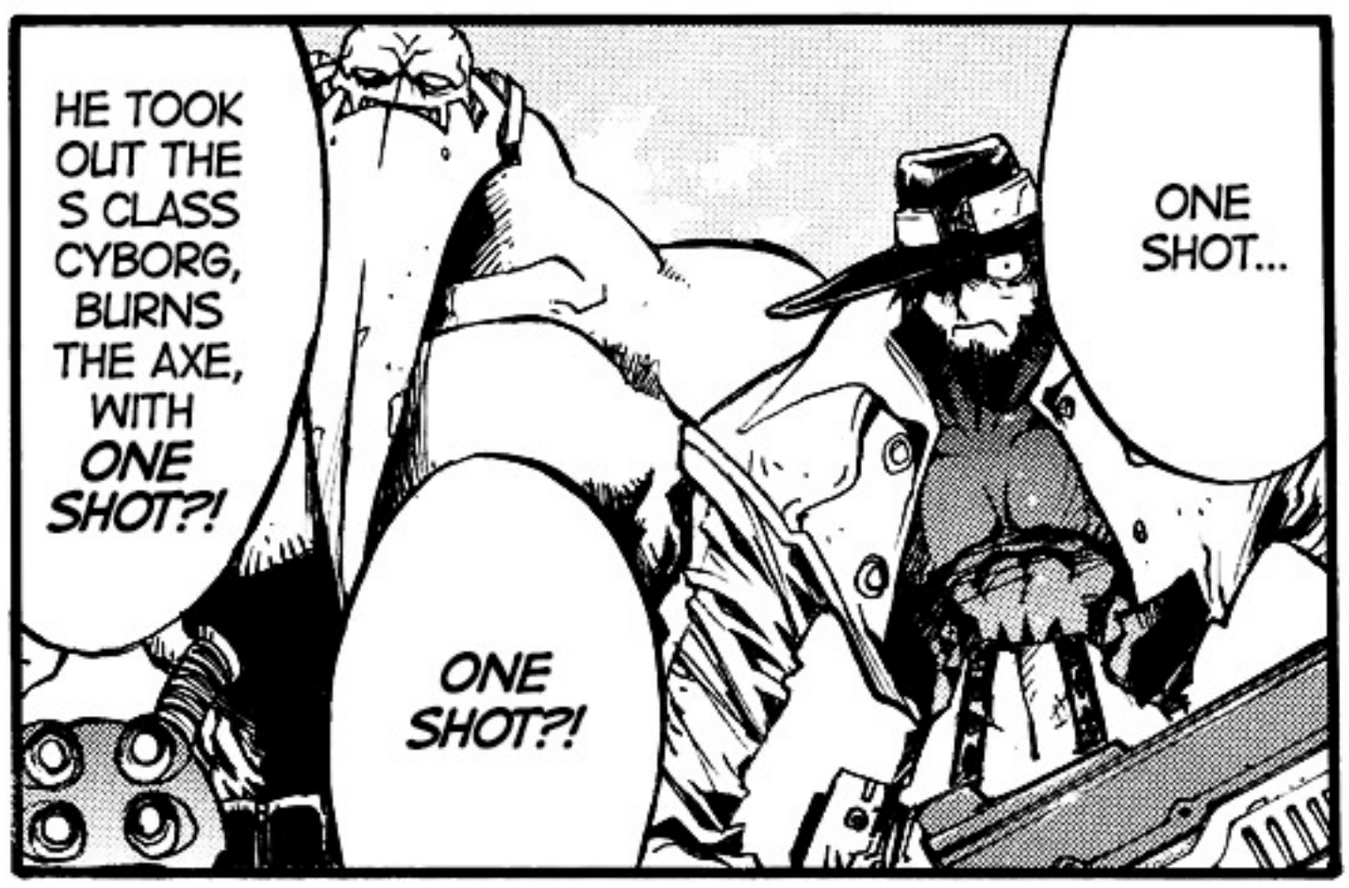
Y'KNOW...

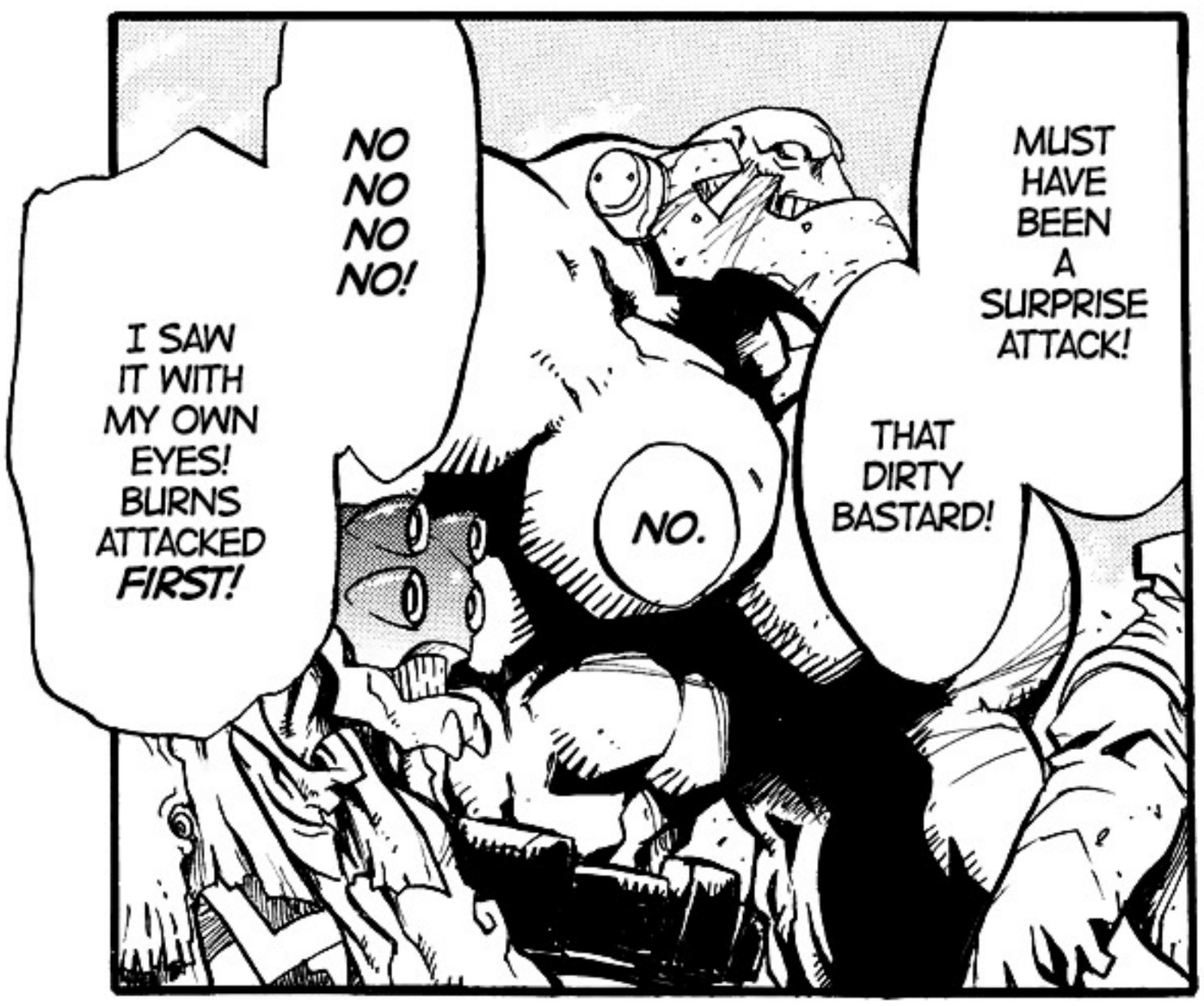
...
...
ME TOO.

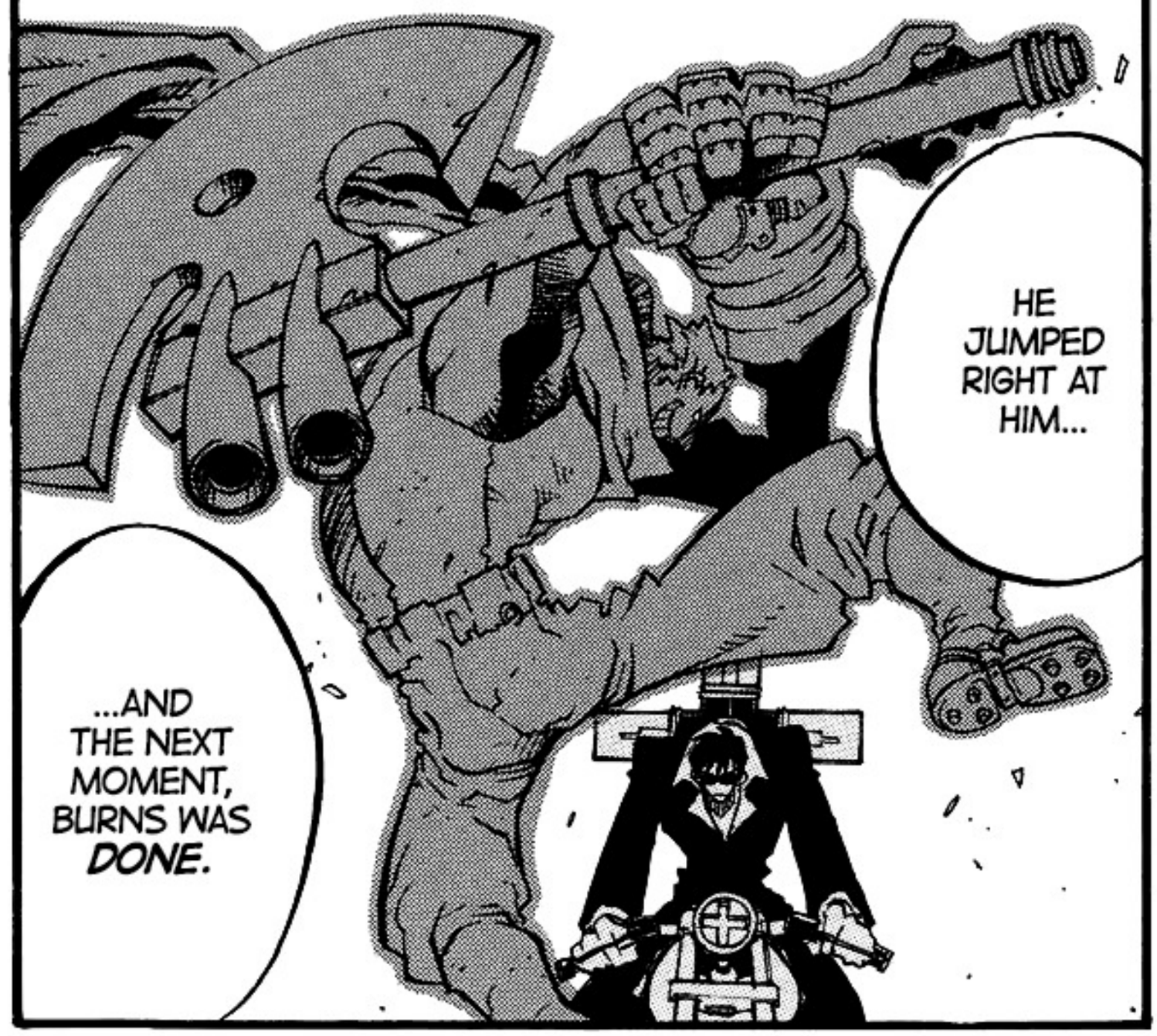

HE LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE I REMEMBER...
...BUT HE SHOULDN'T BE THAT OLD.

#02. TEMPEST


GAH!
AA CK!
AH!


HE TOOK OUT THE S CLASS CYBORG, BURNS THE AXE, WITH ONE SHOT?!
ONE SHOT?!
ONE SHOT...


NO NO NO NO!
I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES! BURNS ATTACKED FIRST!
NO.
MUST HAVE BEEN A SURPRISE ATTACK!
THAT DIRTY BASTARD!

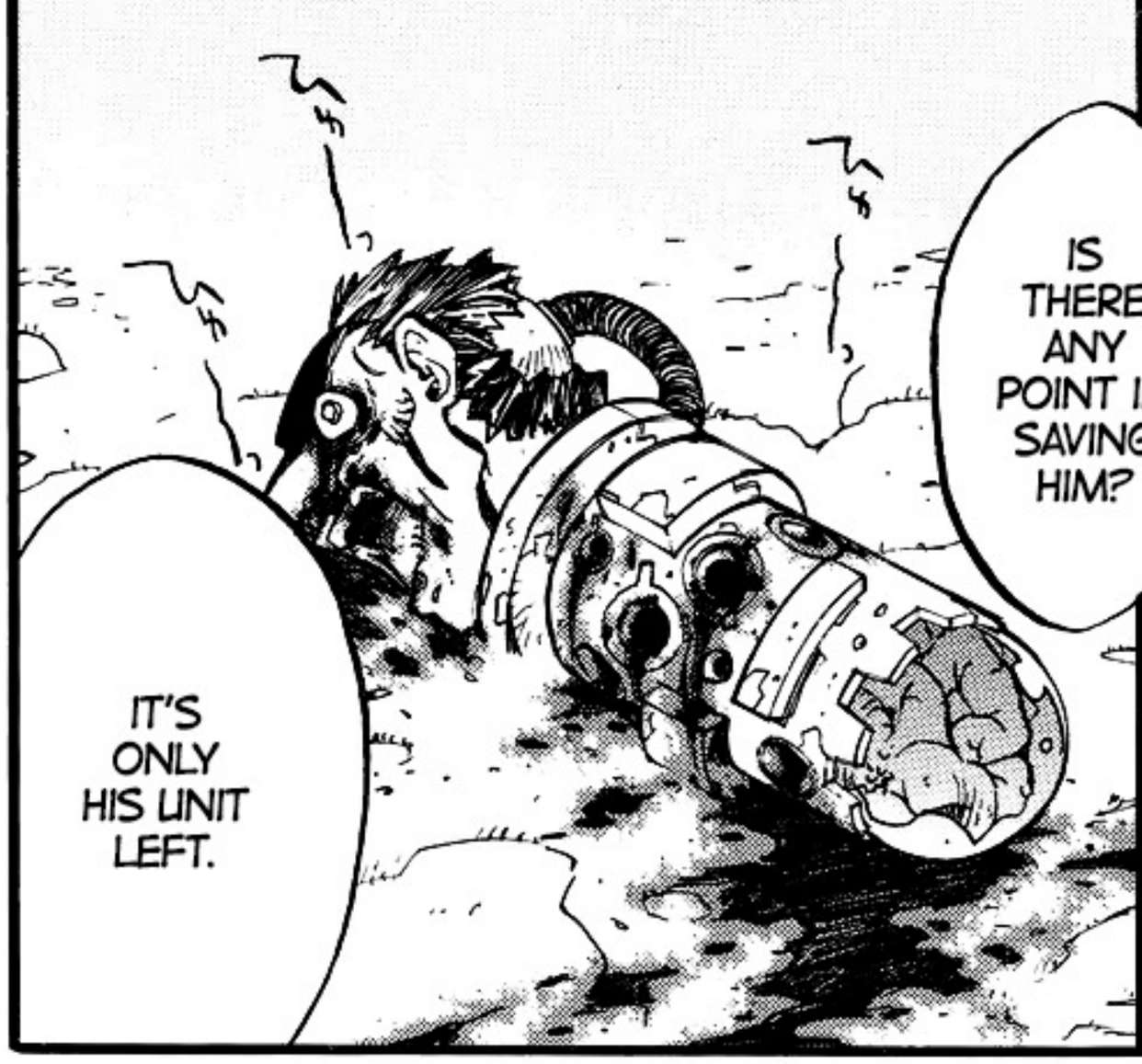

HE JUMPED RIGHT AT HIM...
...AND THE NEXT MOMENT, BURNS WAS *DONE*.

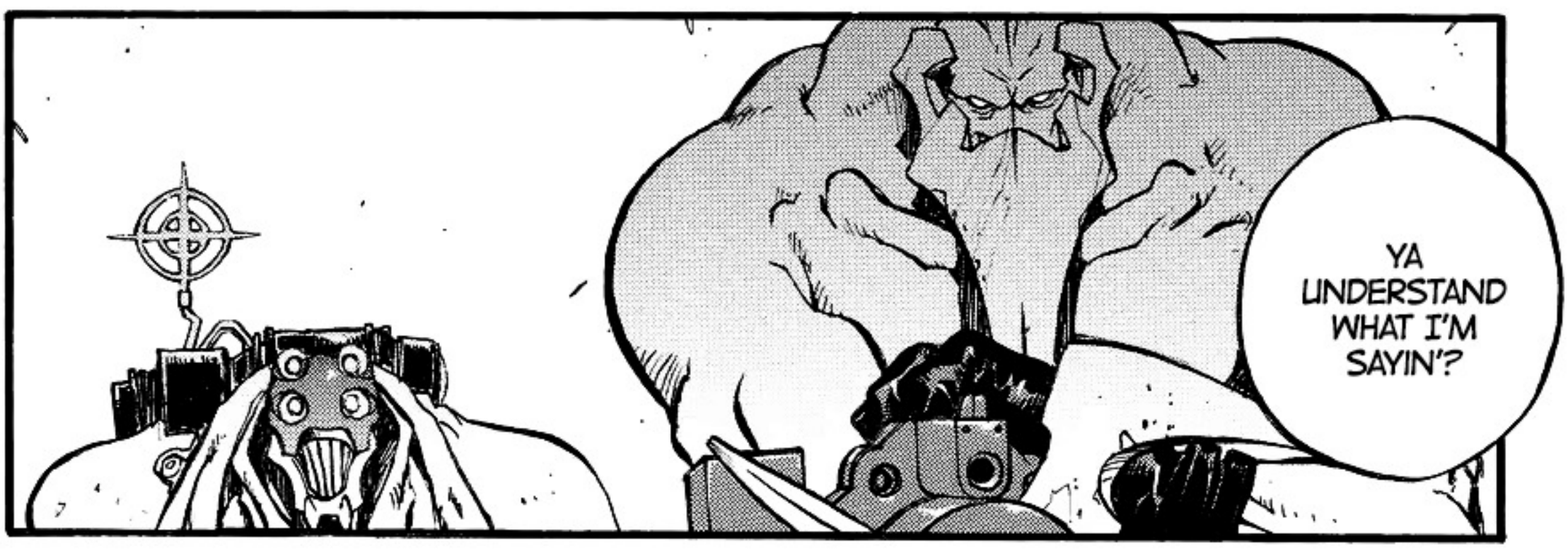
YES!
CALL THE OTHERS.
THAT GUY MUST BE THE REASON THEY'RE SHELLING OUT SO MUCH DOUGH.
ALREADY DONE!

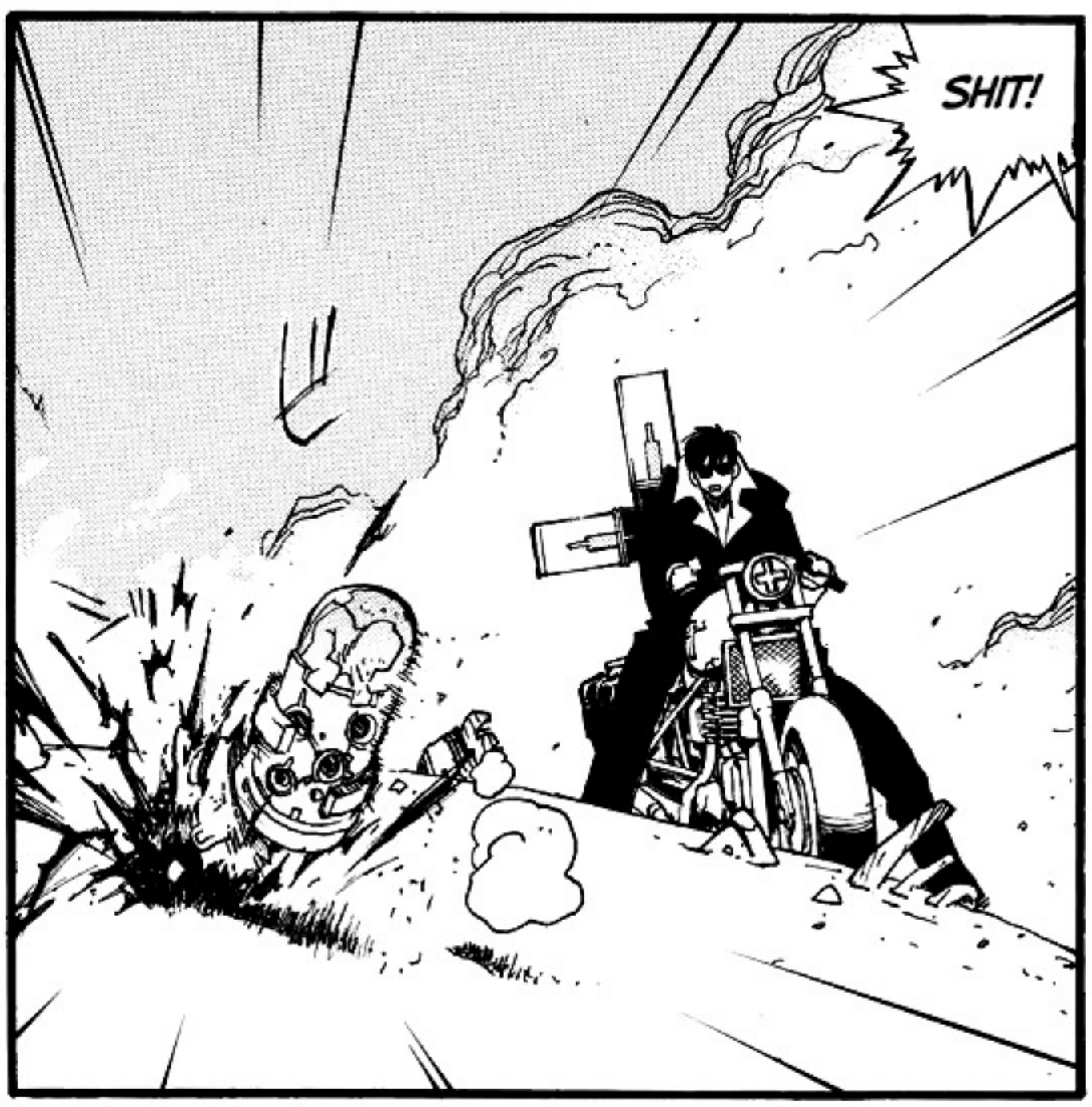
?!

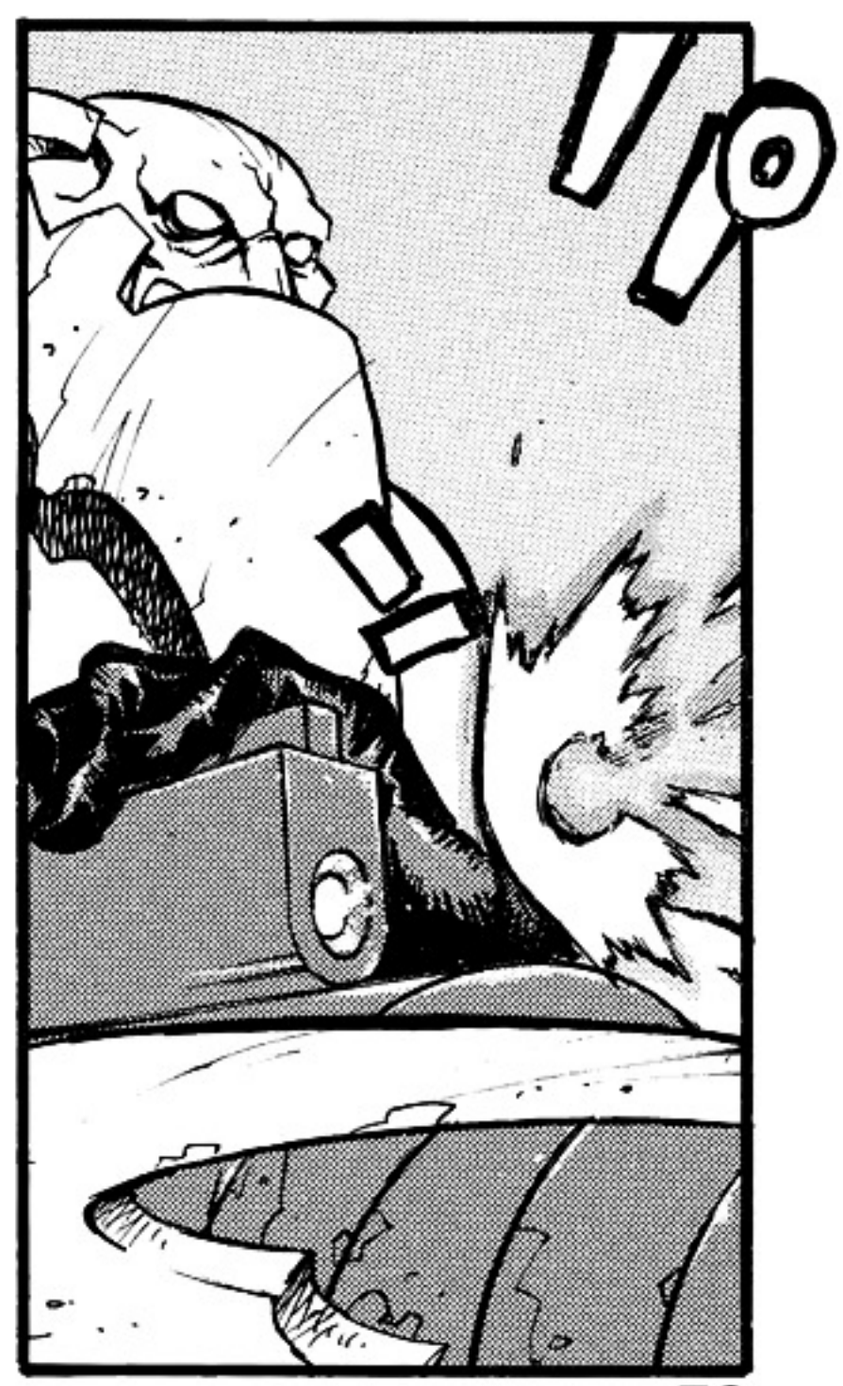
HEY!

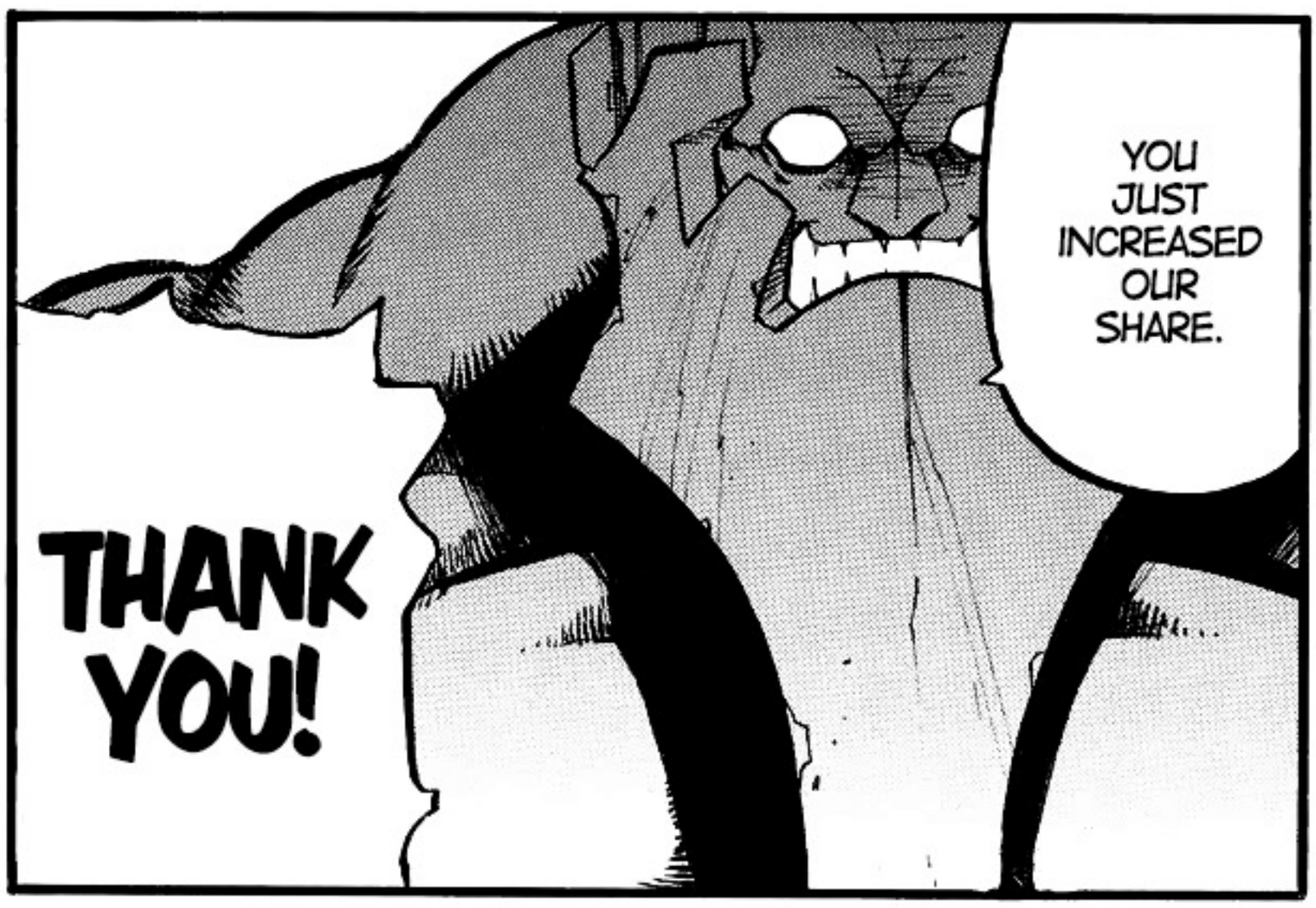
GET OUTTA HERE.
AND NEVER COME BACK.

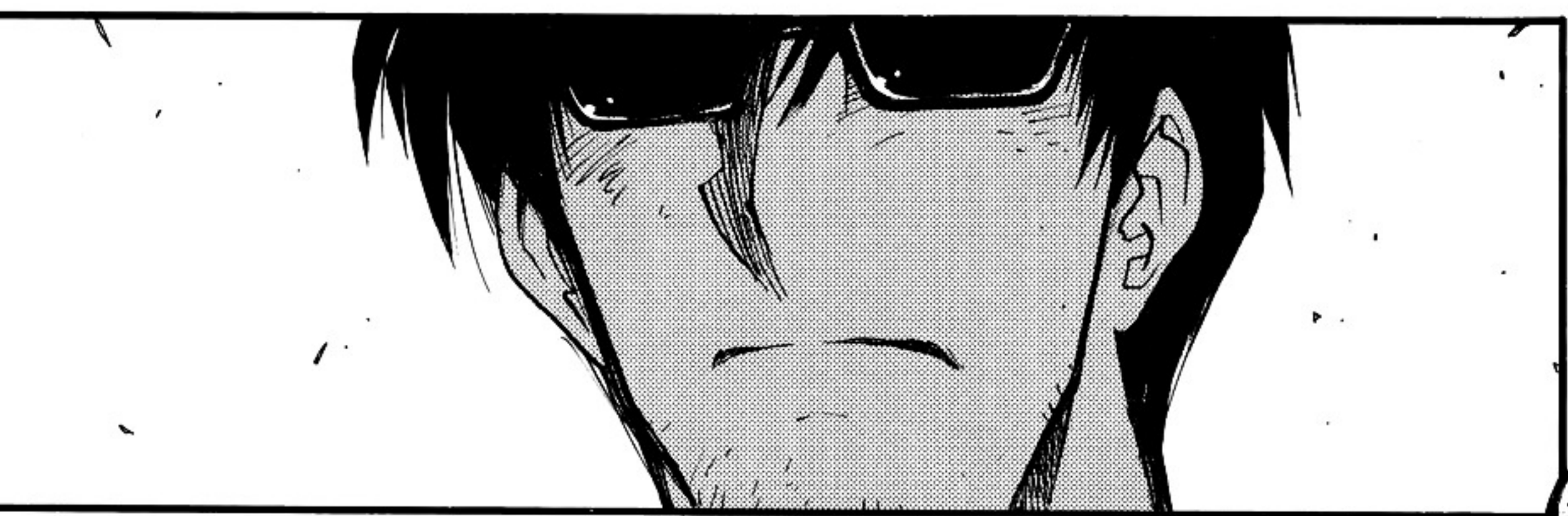

IS THERE ANY POINT IN SAVING HIM?
IT'S ONLY HIS UNIT LEFT.

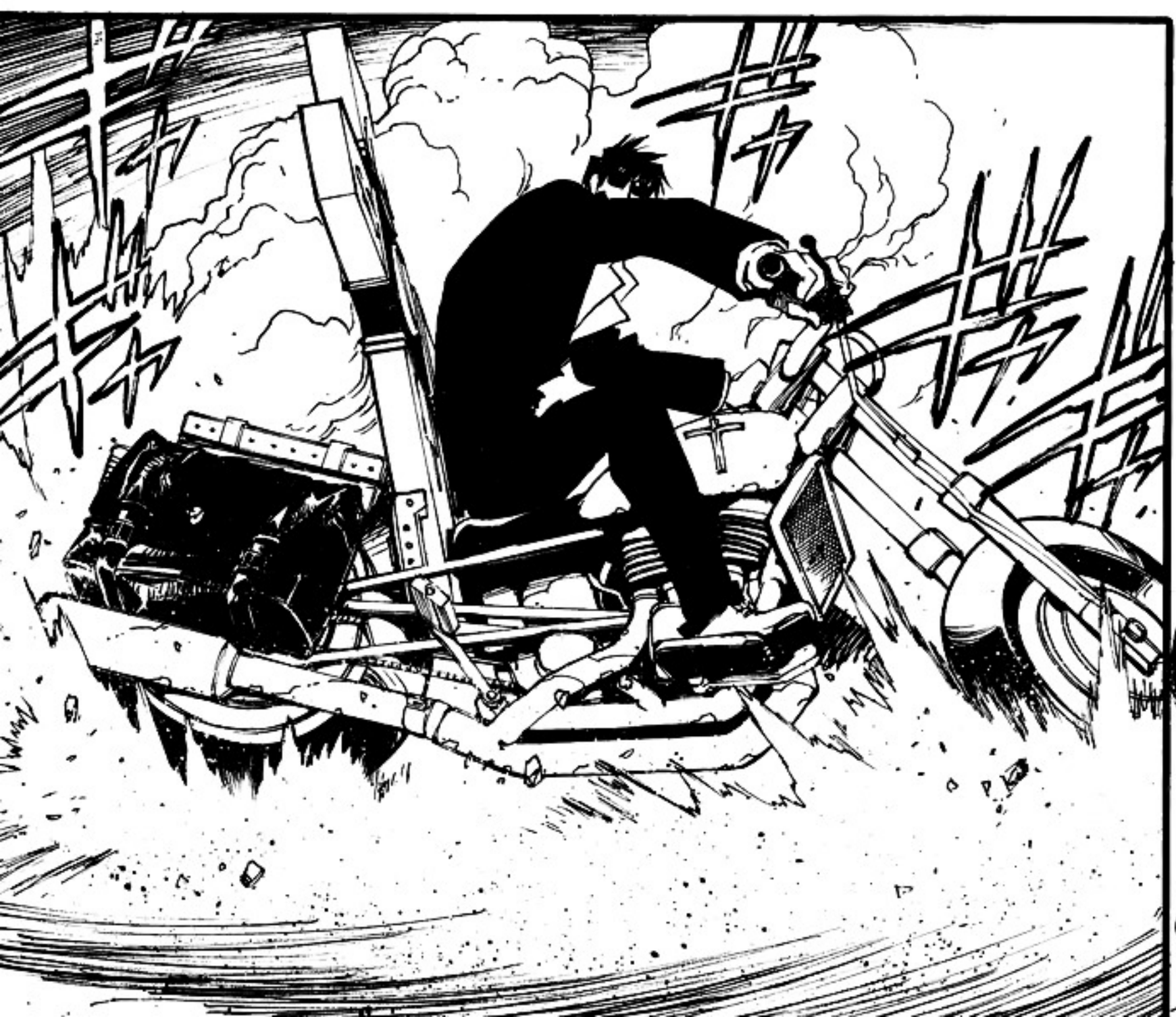

YA UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYIN'?


SHIT!



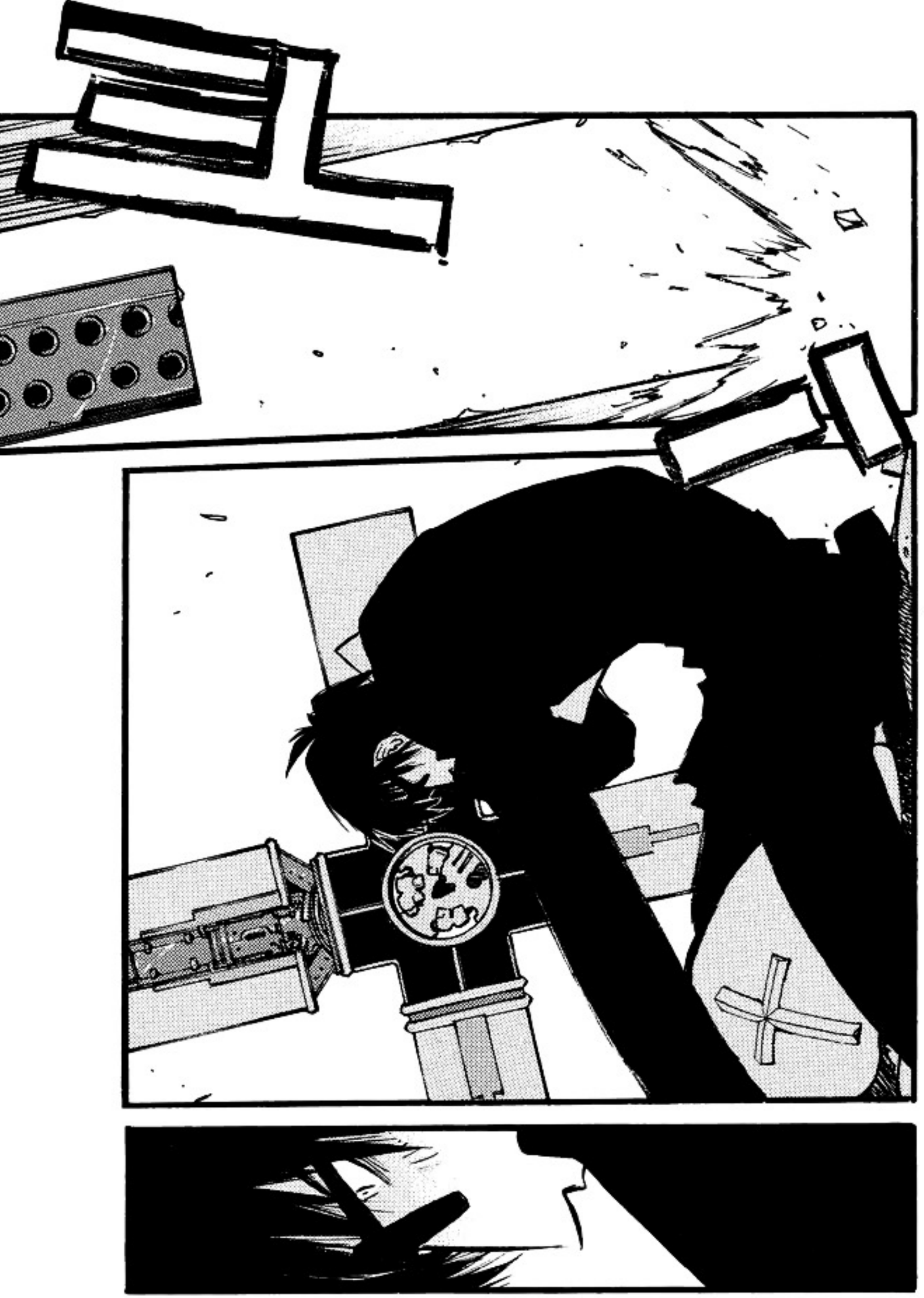

YOU JUST INCREASED OUR SHARE.
THANK YOU!

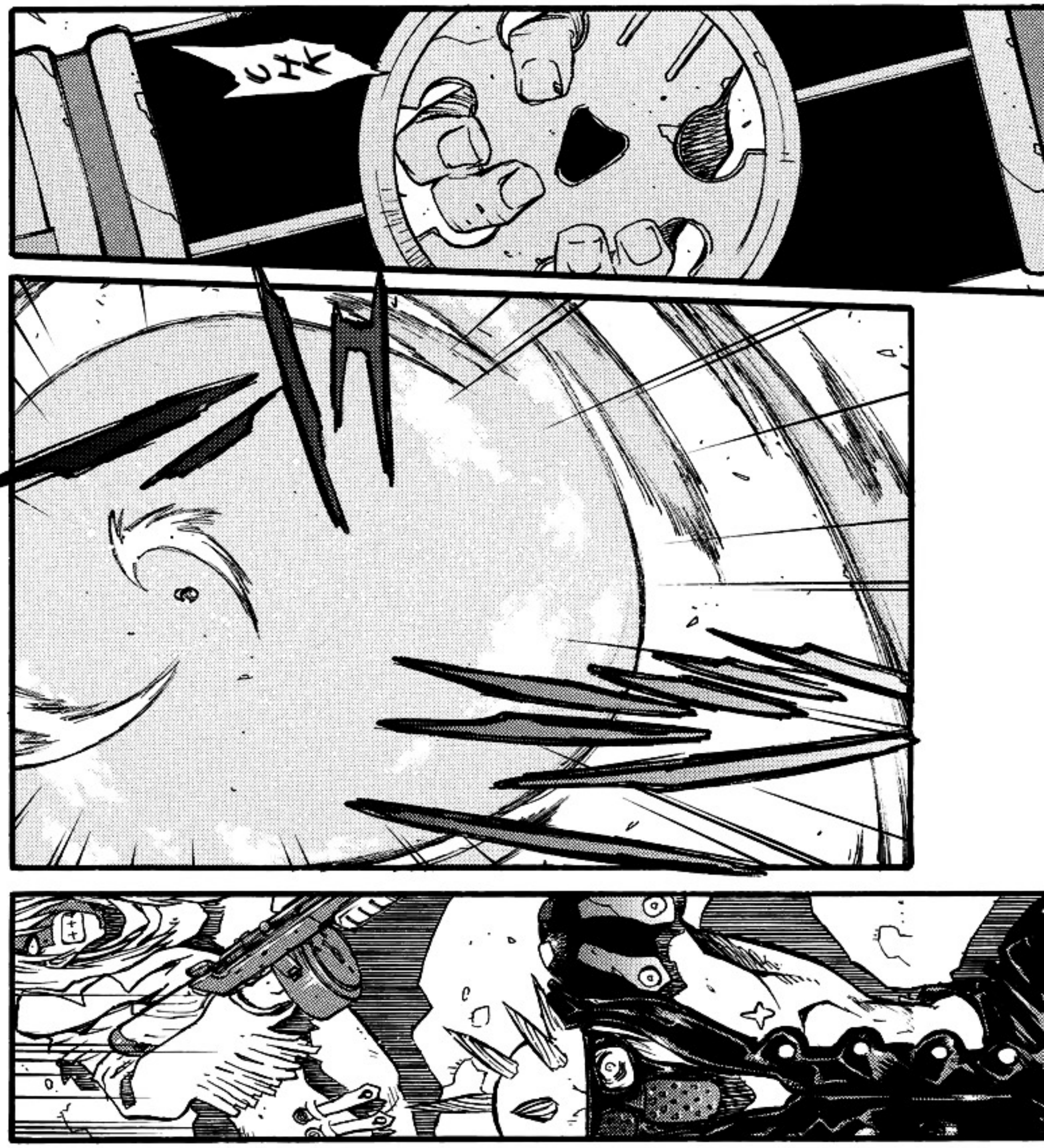




WAIT!
GOT SCARED AND FLED, DID HE?
HEE HEE HEE!
LET ME SHOW YOU THE FEARSOME POWER...
...OF THE ULTI-MATE TIGER FAMILY!

AH...

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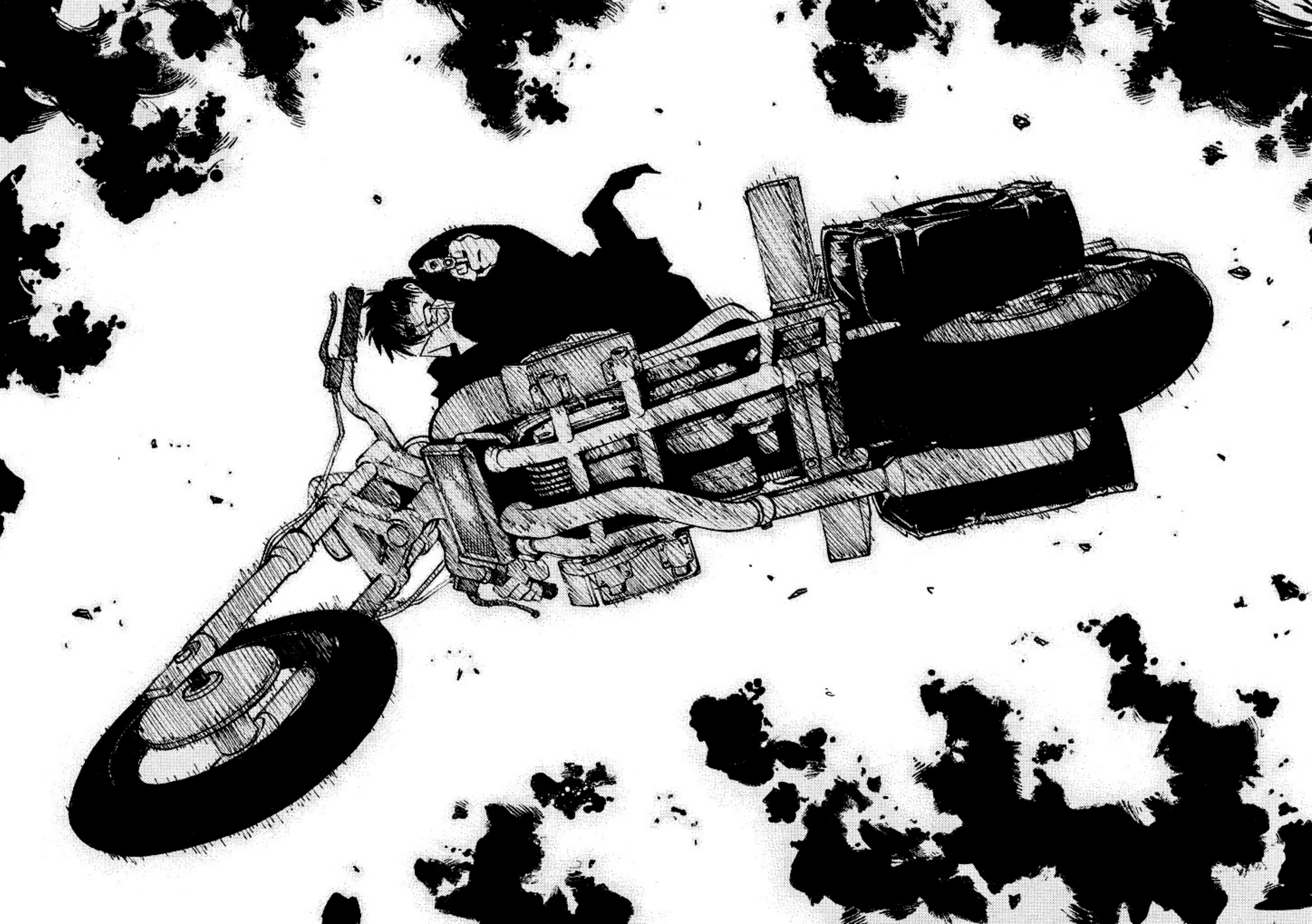
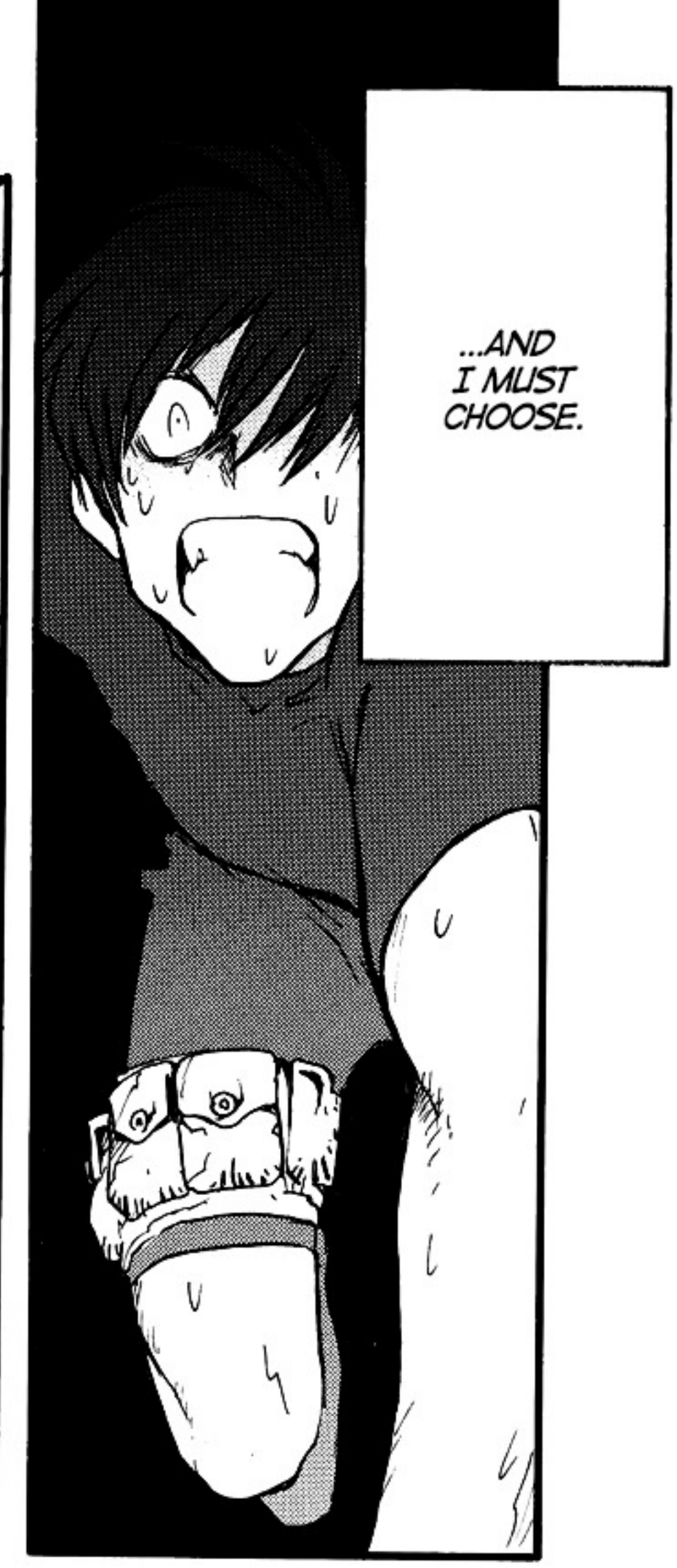
KEEP YOUR EYES ON HIM!

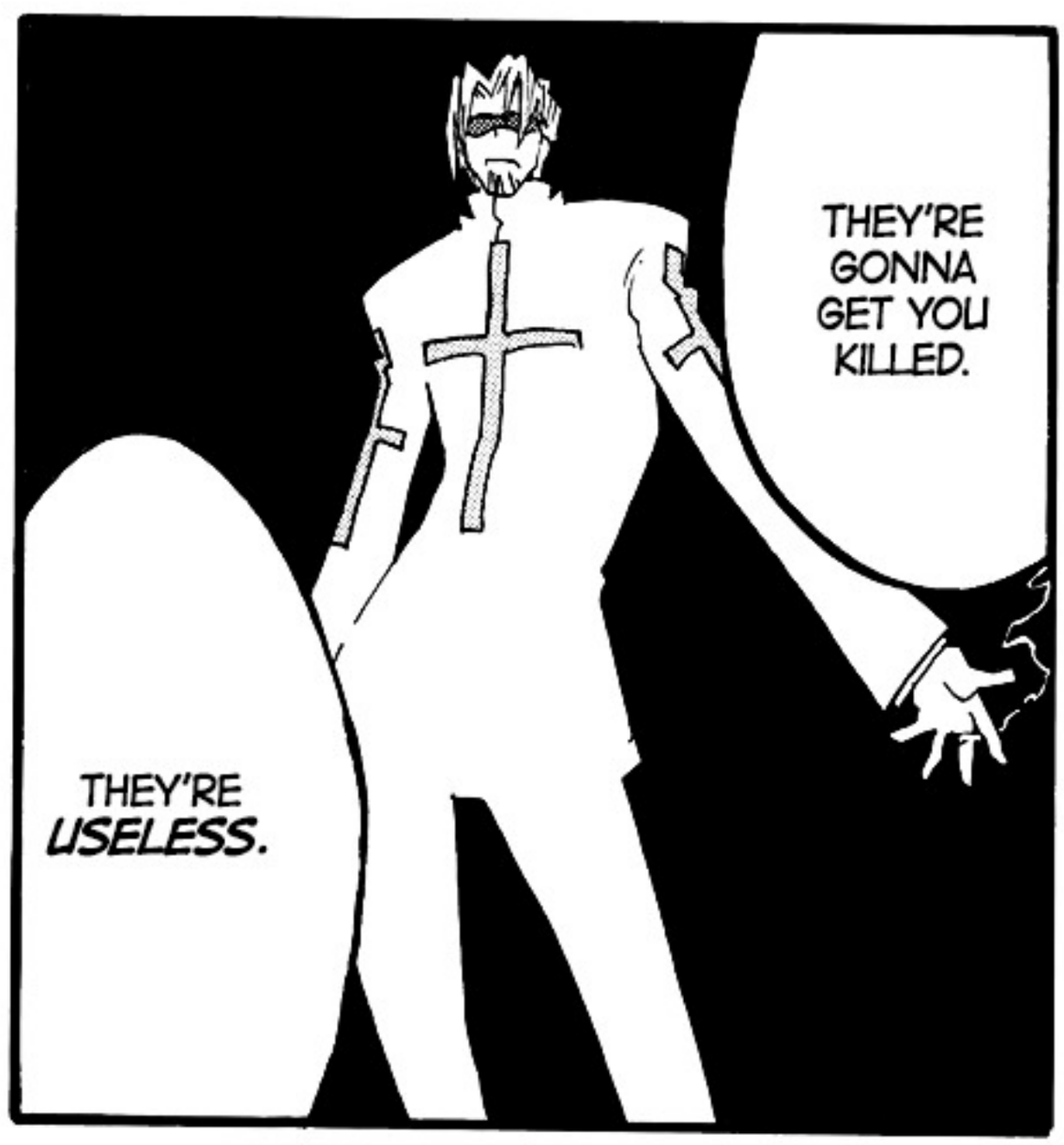


SCATTER!
LIFE'S NOTHIN' MORE THAN A SERIES OF COMPLEX PROBLEMS...

WHAT'S DISTRACTING YOU?
IF YOU ONLY FOCUSED ON FULFILLING YOUR GOAL, IT WOULD BE EASY.

TOO SLOW.


...AND I MUST CHOOSE.


THEY'RE GONNA GET YOU KILLED.
THEY'RE *USELESS*.

GOT IT?
THE FINAL OBSTACLE OF HUMANITY IS OUR DOUBTS.
THEY MAKE YOU WEAK.

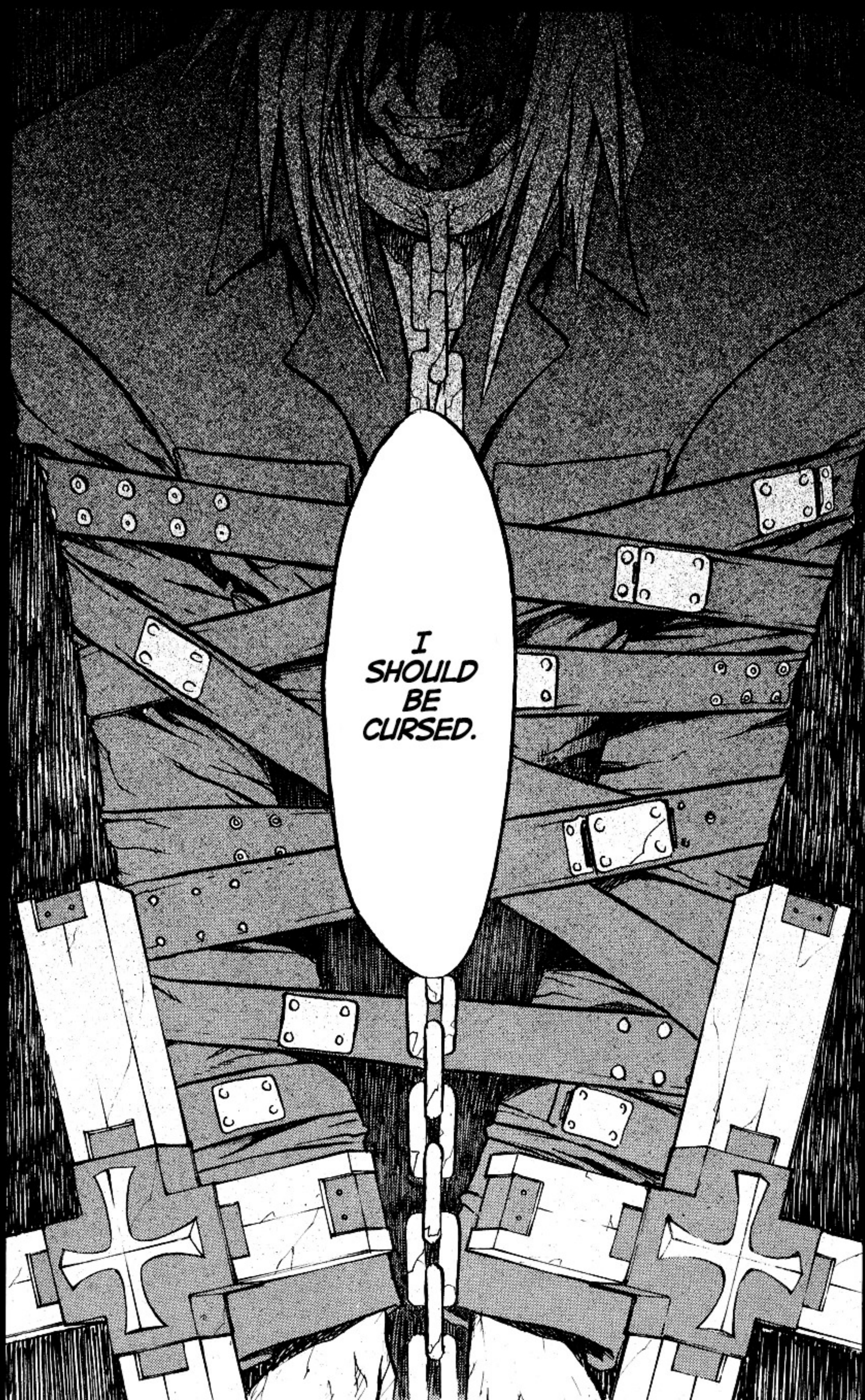
...UN-
BELIEV-
ABLE.
HE
HASN'T
CHANGED
AT ALL...
NO...
HE'S
GETTING
WORSE.

IF YOU USED YOUR TRUE ABILITIES, THEY WOULDN'T EVEN GET TO SEE YOUR FACE BEFORE THEY'RE DEAD.

...ARE YOU DOING?!
WHAT...
...THEN YOU PROCEED TO KILL THEM WITH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EFFICIENCY!
FIRST, YOU HIT ALL THEIR VITALS...
LEAVE THEIR CORPSES WHERE THEY LIE!
YOU SHOULD HAVE KILLED THEM ALL BY NOW!

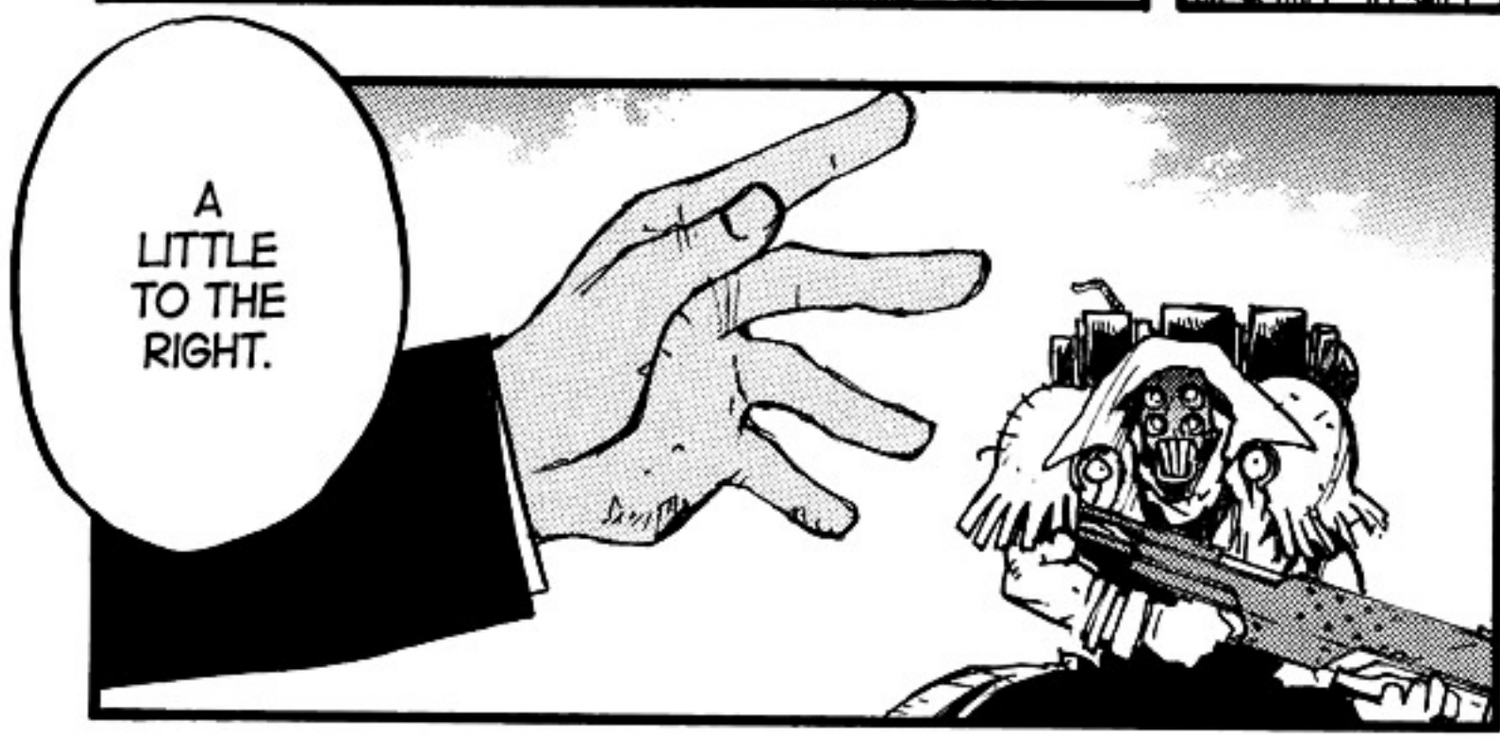
MERCY?!
UNBELIEV-ABLE!
YOU CANNOT SURVIVE LIKE THIS!

...
...
OH...
MY SERVANT... HE IS *PERFECT.*
YOU'LL HAVE NO CHANCE OF WINNING AGAINST HIM, NICHOLAS.


I SHOULD BE CURSED.

I'LL KILL YOU!
YOU... PIECE OF...

RA AA AA AH!


A LITTLE TO THE RIGHT.

YER RIGHT IN ITS PATH.
IF I WERE YOU, I'D-

...
...
HUH?

WHA-?
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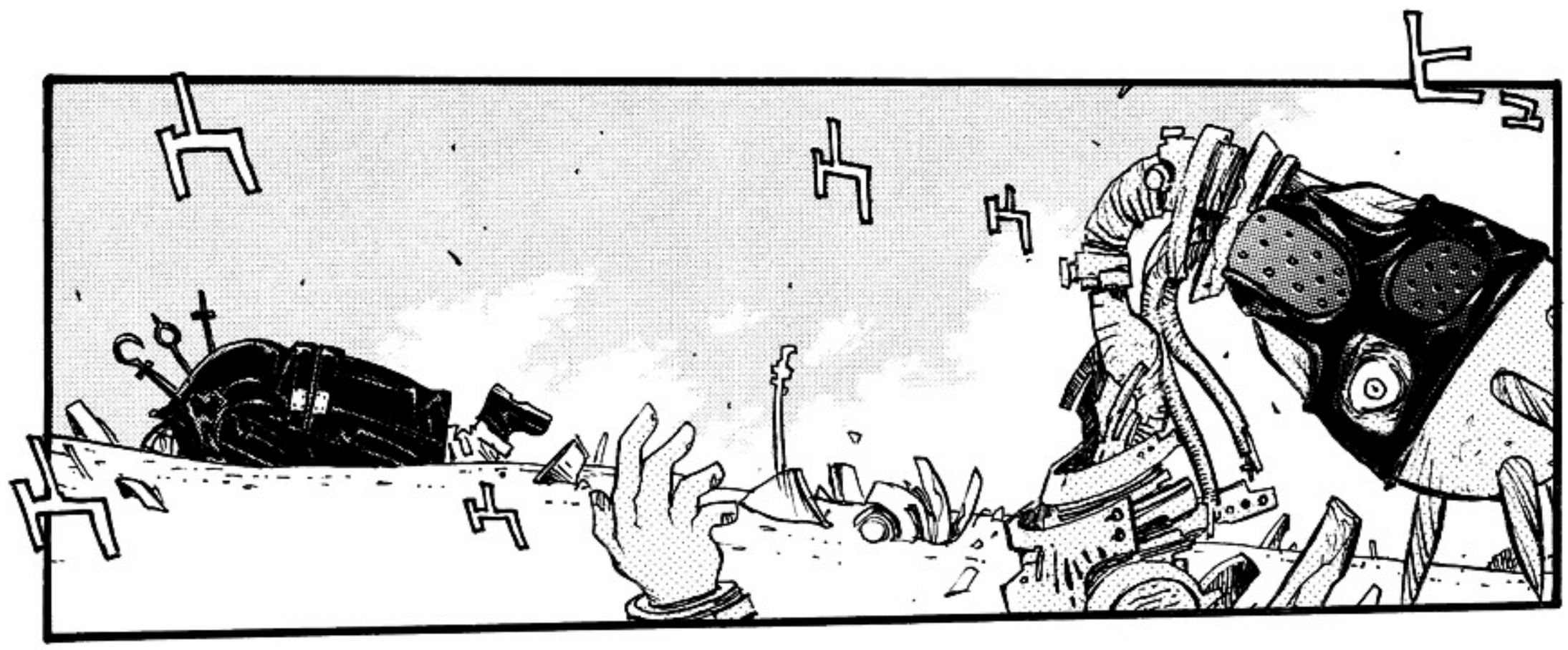
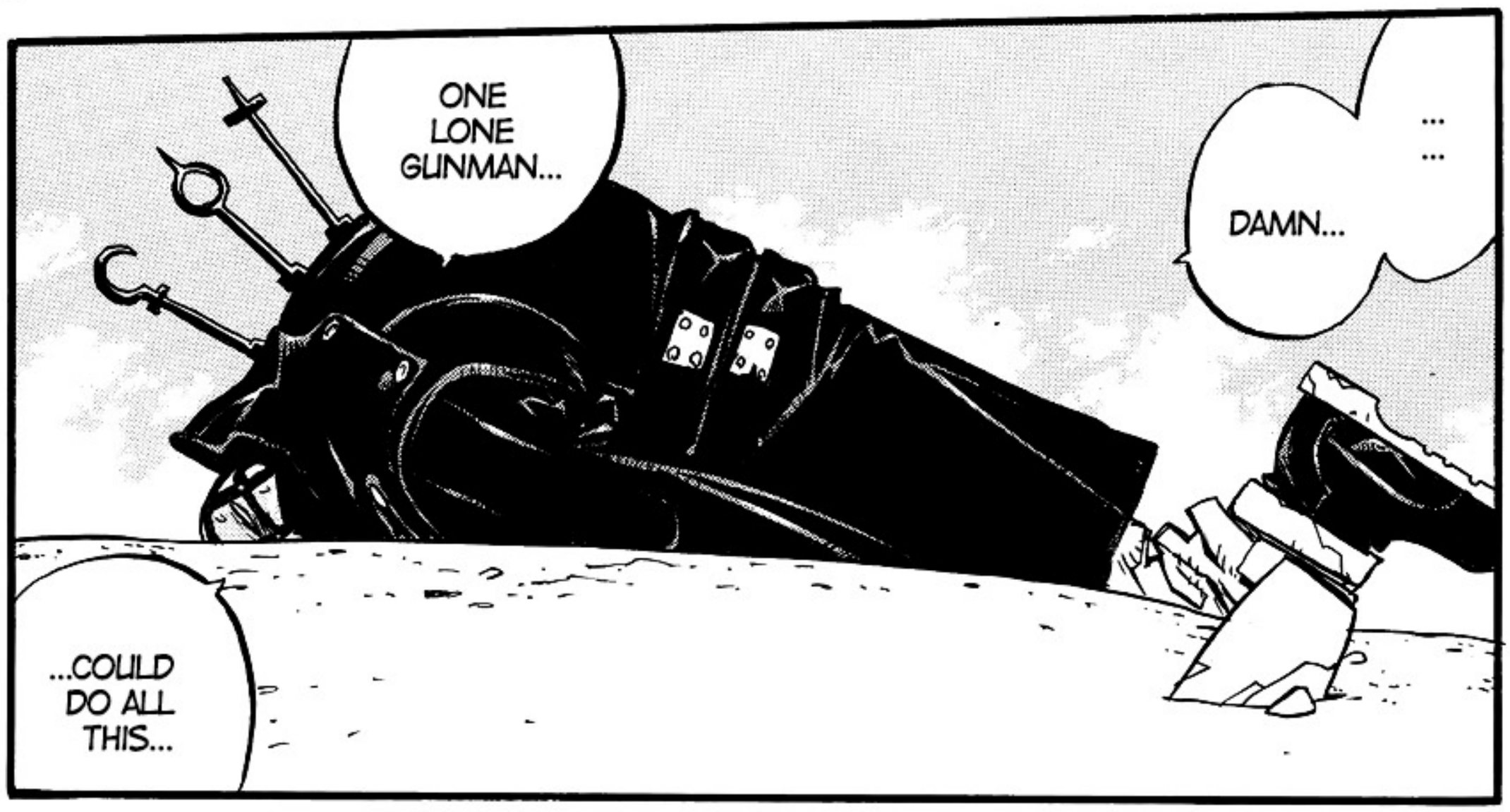
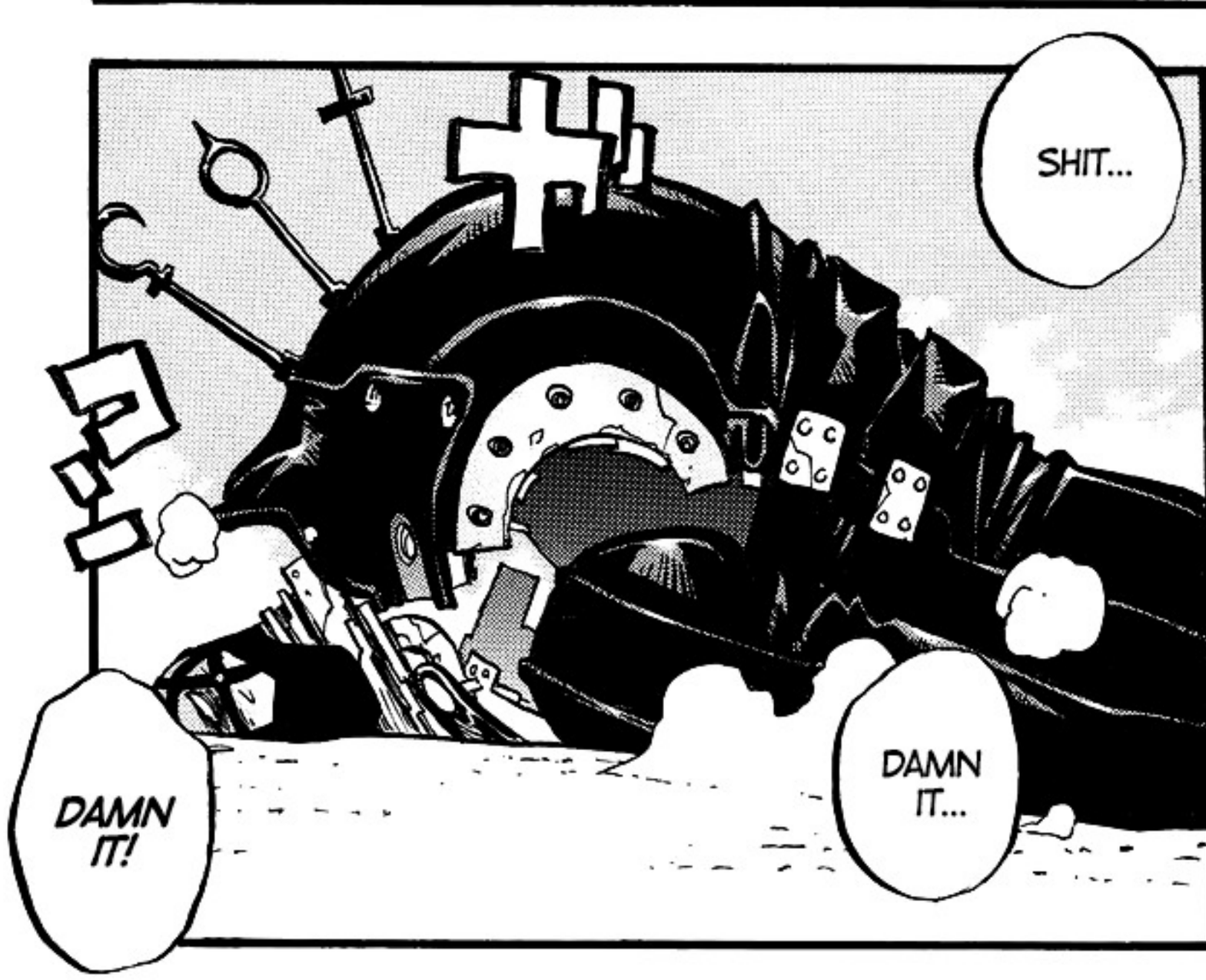
HH!

UUUNNNH
OOOOOOH
HGAAAAA




ONE LONE GUNMAN...
...COULD DO ALL THIS...
... ...
DAMN...


SHIT...
DAMN IT!
DAMN IT...

AND IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE IS STILL ALIVE...
THIS IS SO HUMILI-ATING.

A SECRET WEAPON! FEAST YOUR EYES!

BUT THE ULTIMATE TIGER FAMILY HAS A LAST CARD UP THEIR SLEEVE!

HEY!

ASSHOLE!

BUT...

...WAR IS A FICKLE BITCH.

YOU DID WELL. FOUGHT REAL HARD! I APPLAUD YOU!

SO, FOR THE FINAL CURTAIN CALL, IT'S GOING TO BE A BIG BANG!
SORRY ABOUT THAT!
I'VE ALREADY LOCKED THIS BABY ONTO THAT BUILDING OVER THERE.
NO WAY!
NO!
YOU'VE CAUSED US TOO MUCH SHAME! I CAN'T TAKE IT!
HOLD ON A SECOND!
IDIOT!
HA HA HA HA HA
WHAT ABOUT YER JOB?
HUH?!
WE'LL TAKE OUR REVENGE...
...ON THOSE YOU HOLD DEAR!

DON'T LOOK AWAY NOW!

...
...

...
...

HA HA HA HA HA HA!

CRY, SCREAM, AS I BLOW IT ALL TO SMITHER-EENS!

WHAT DON'T YOU GET, ASSHOLE?! DO YOU THINK I CARE?!

JOHNNY!

LE...

SI-

MIS-

THE...

HERE COMES DEATH!

NOW! IN THE LIGHT OF THE SUN!

HERE I GO!

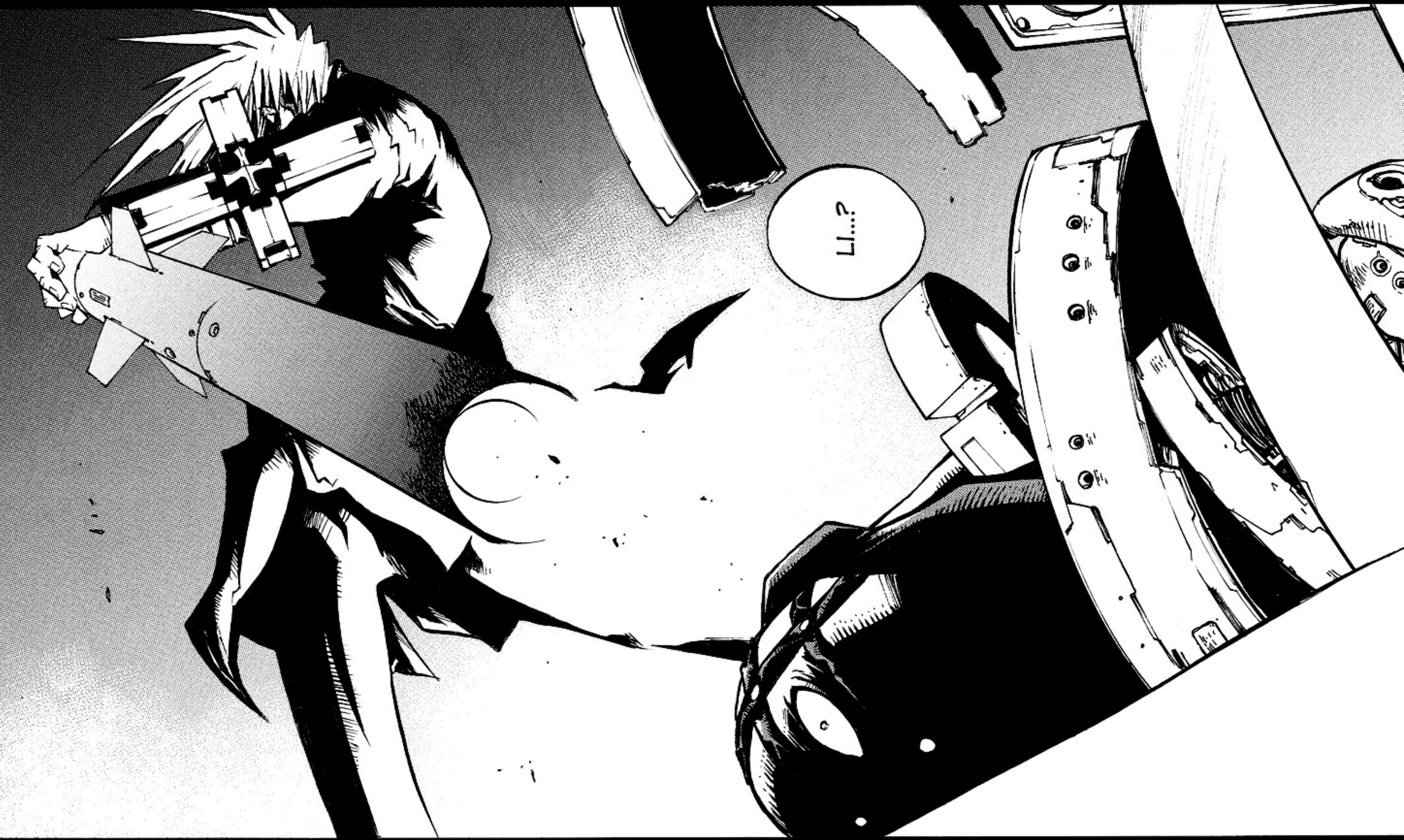
HERE I GO!

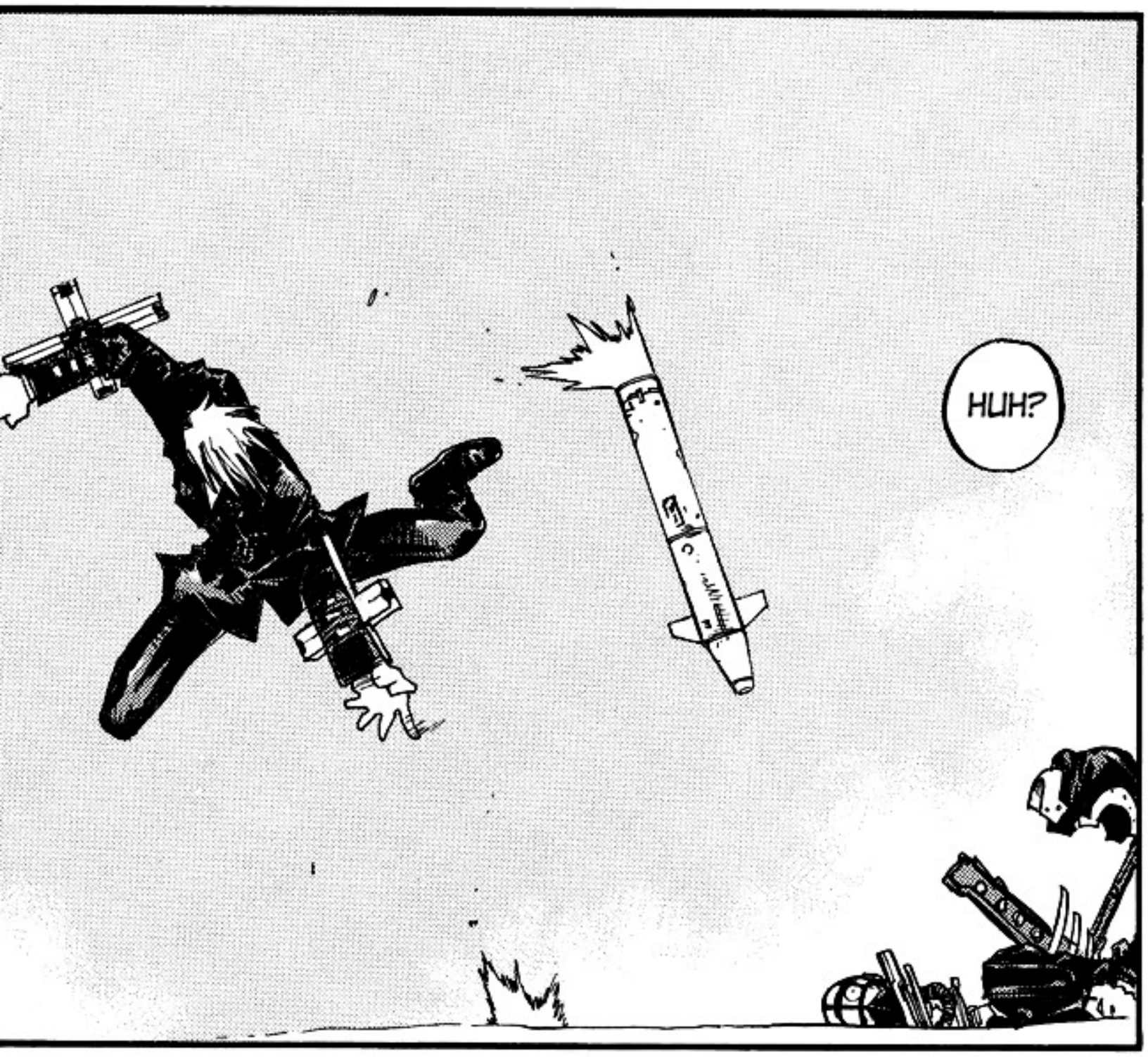
LIVIO!!

I SAID STOP!

...
...

FIRE!!


LI...?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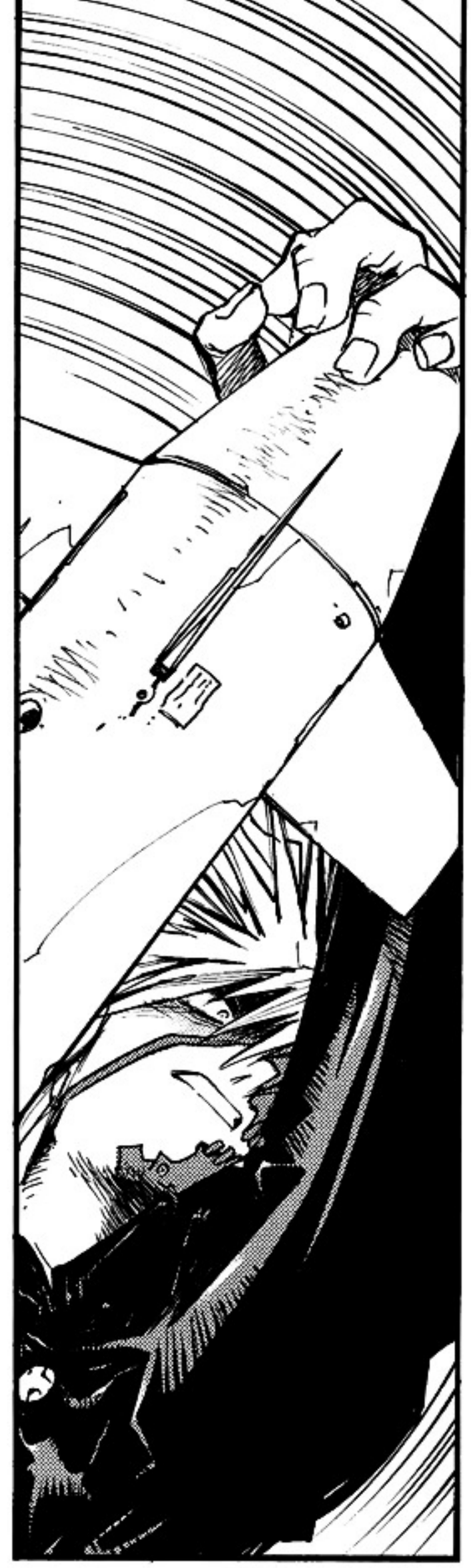
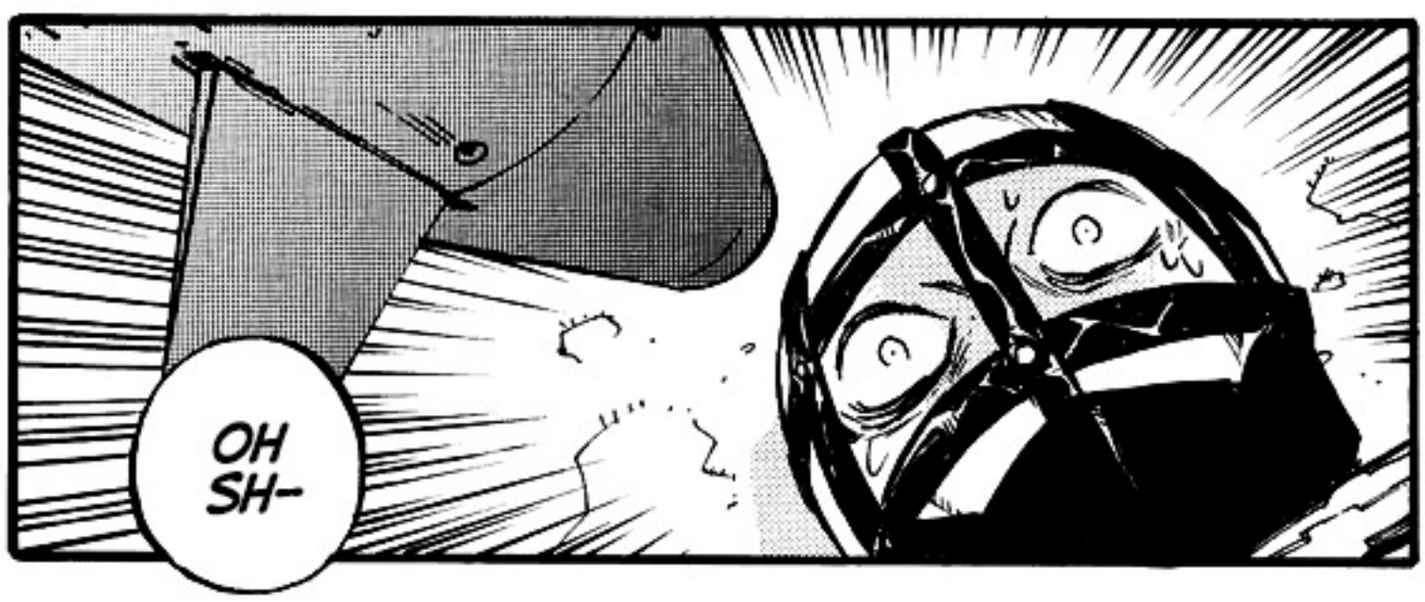



OH
SH-

YA COULD'VE JUST SHOT IT DOWN.
DUMBASS.
YOU'RE MAKING THE OLD MAN CRY.
PLEASE STOP.

WHAT ARE THEY DOING UP THERE?
JEEZ...
PROBABLY AN EXPLOSION.
YEAH...
THAT WAS *SOME* NOISE...

I'LL PROTECT THE LOT OF YOU.
IT'S ALRIGHT.
HUSH NOW...
I'M SCARED.

I *DIDN'T* SAY *THAT!*
WAIT, *NO.*
THAT'S A *TERRIBLE* THING TO SAY, THAT I'M SLOW AND I'LL BE A BIG TARGET!

GAH!

I WISH...
...BIG BROTHER NICO WAS HERE.
...
...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THEY HAVE *GUNS!*
THERE'S *NO WAY* YOU CAN DO IT!
YOU'RE *FAT.*
WHAT ?!
WHAT DOES MY WEIGHT HAVE TO DO WITH *THIS?!*

WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF OUR-SELVES.

WE CANNOT RELY ON SOMEONE WHO ISN'T HERE.

#03. LR

WHAT'S YER HURRY?
LET'S TALK.

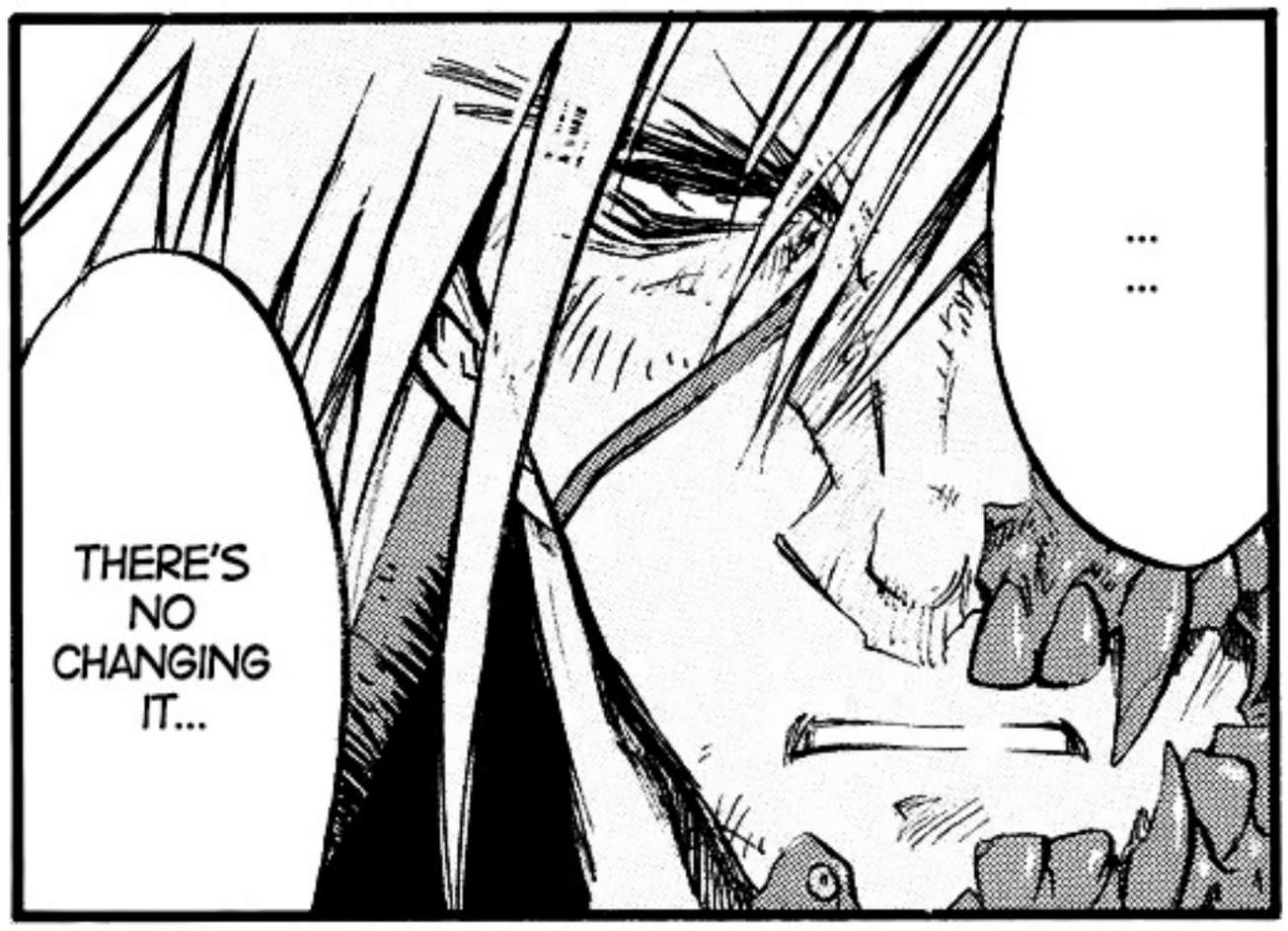
AFTER YOU'RE DONE SMOKING...
...SHALL WE BEGIN?

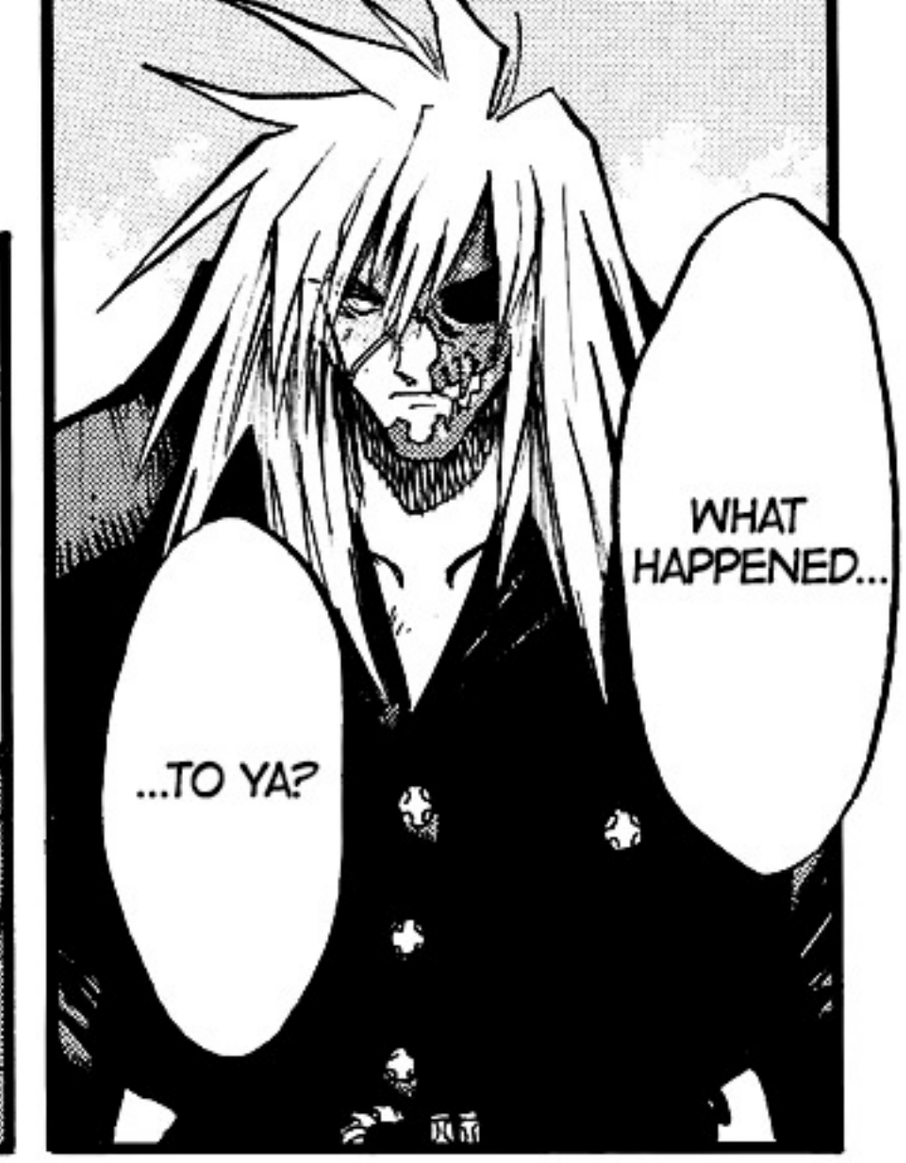
THIS'LL PROBABLY BE OUR LAST CHANCE TO CHAT.

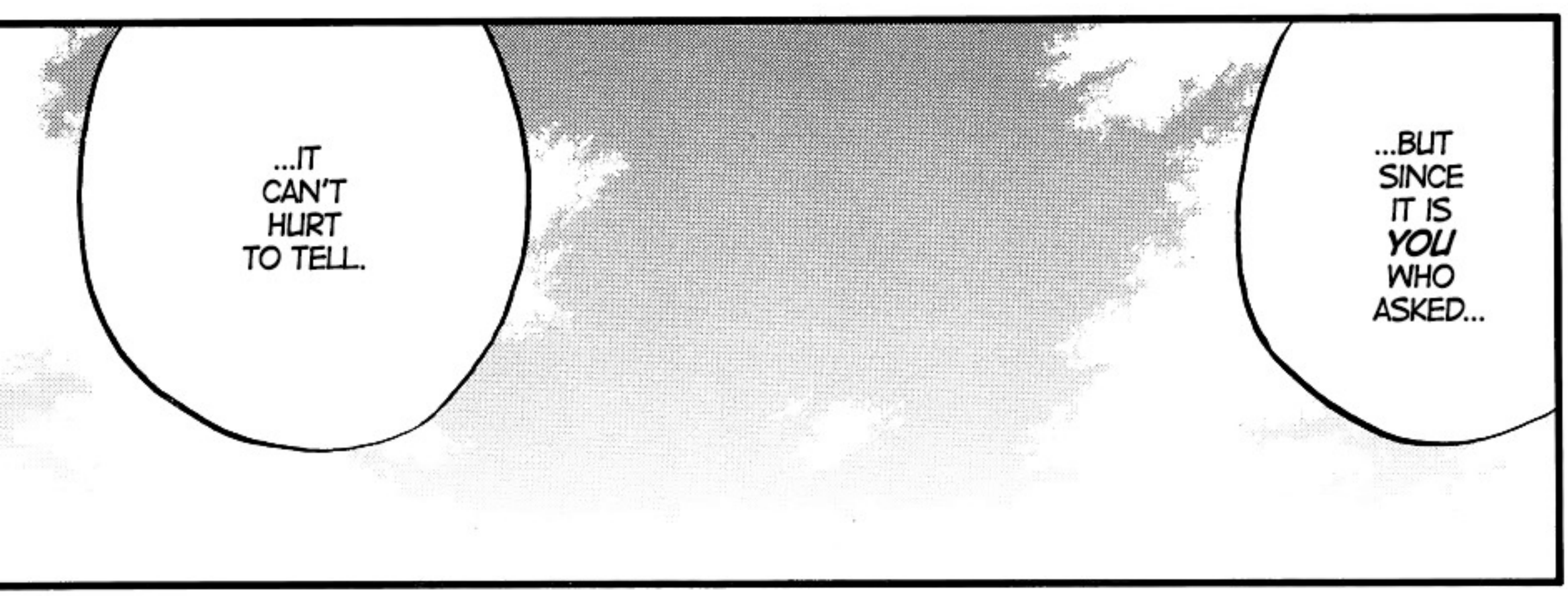
THERE WAS A TIME WHEN YA COULDN'T HURT A FLY.
SO, WHY?

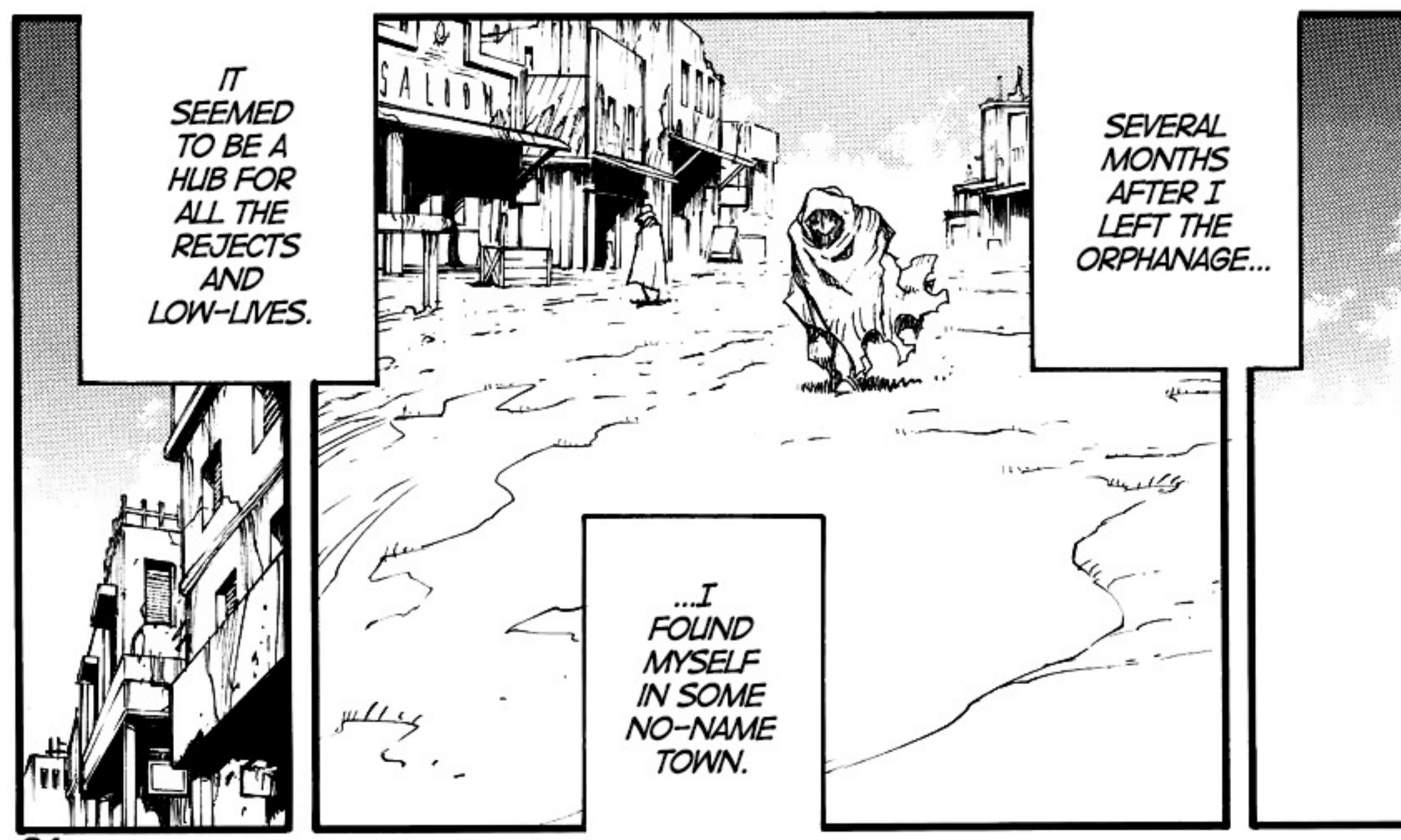
CHANGED TOO MUCH.

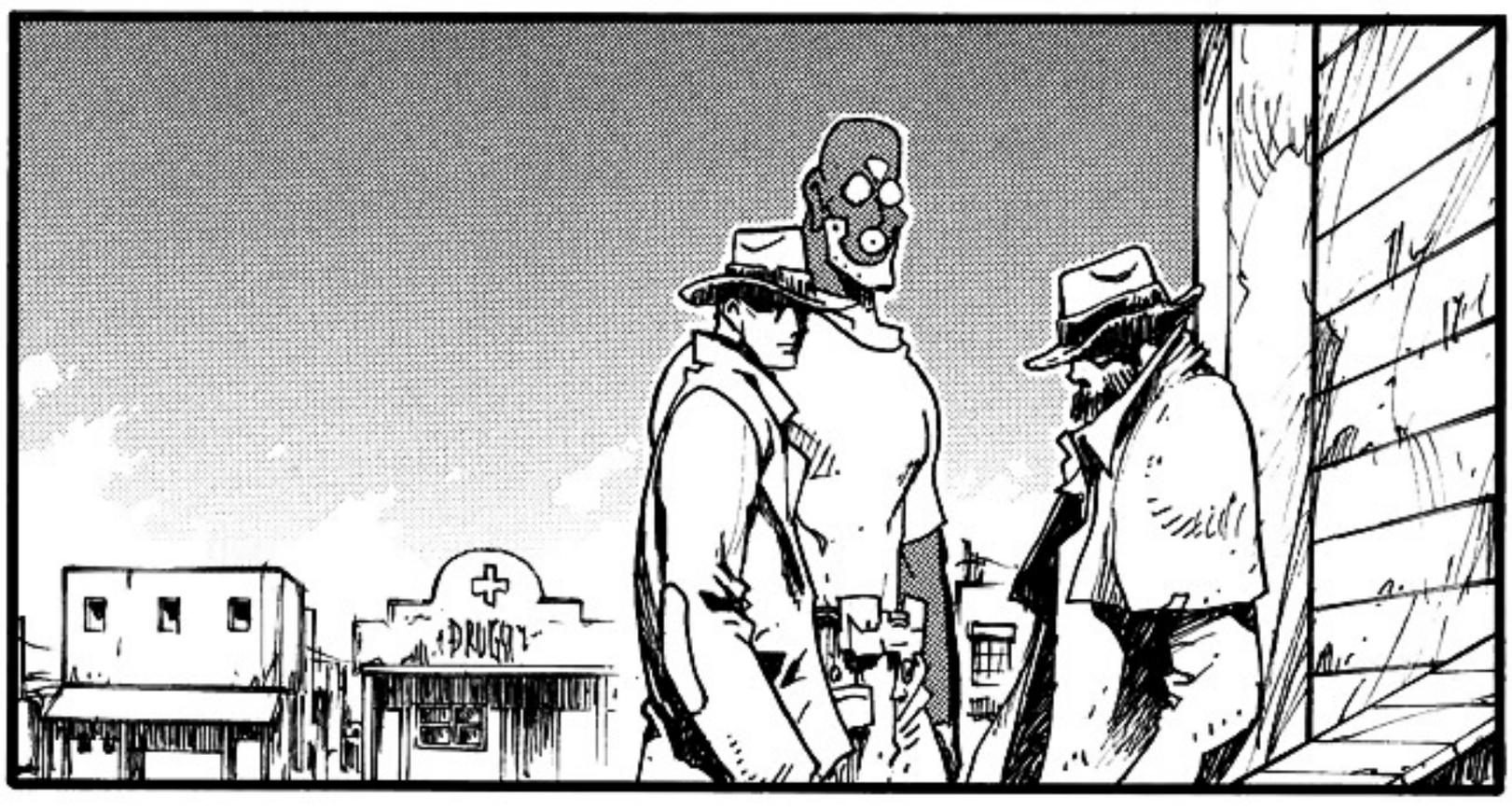
...
...
YOU'VE REALLY CHANGED, CRYBABY LIVIO.


...
...
THERE'S NO CHANGING IT...


WHAT HAPPENED...
...TO YA?


...IT CAN'T HURT TO TELL.
...BUT SINCE IT IS *YOU* WHO ASKED...


IT SEEMED TO BE A HUB FOR ALL THE REJECTS AND LOW-LIVES.
SALOON
SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER I LEFT THE ORPHANAGE...
...I FOUND MYSELF IN SOME NO-NAME TOWN.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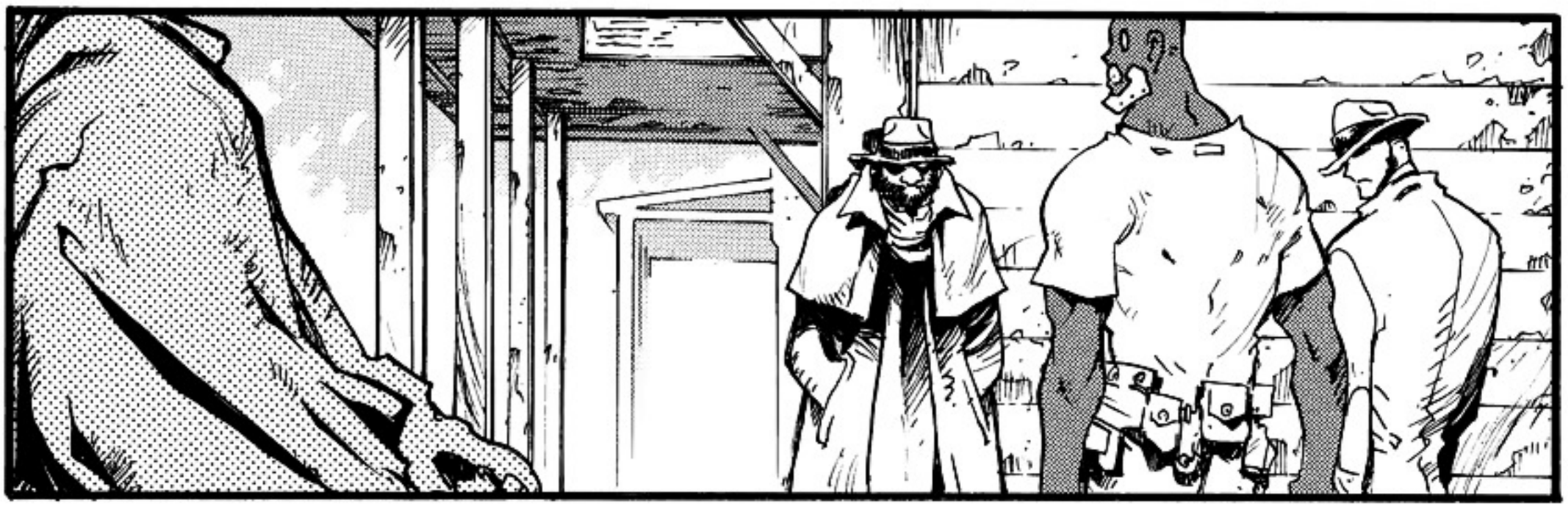

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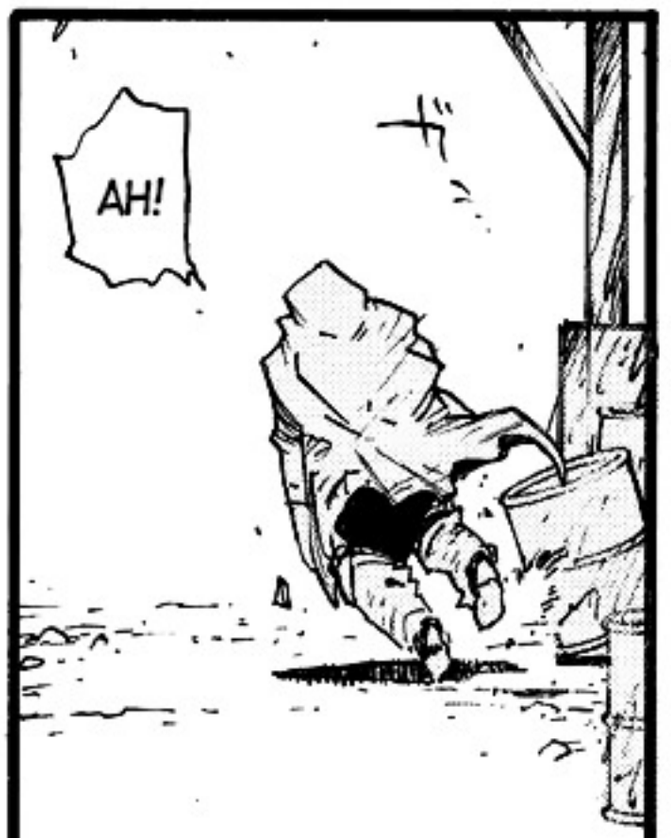
AH!

ONE DAY...
...I FOUND A PIECE OF PAPER STUFFED IN MY POCKET.

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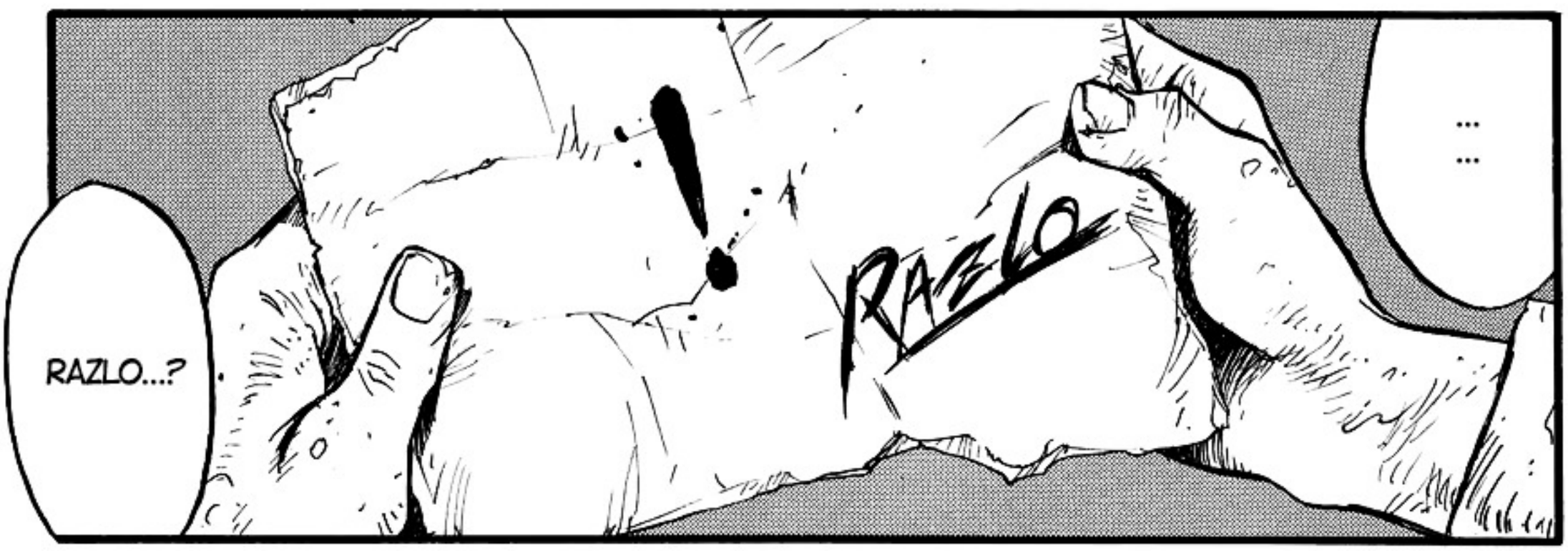
RAZLO...?
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RAZLO
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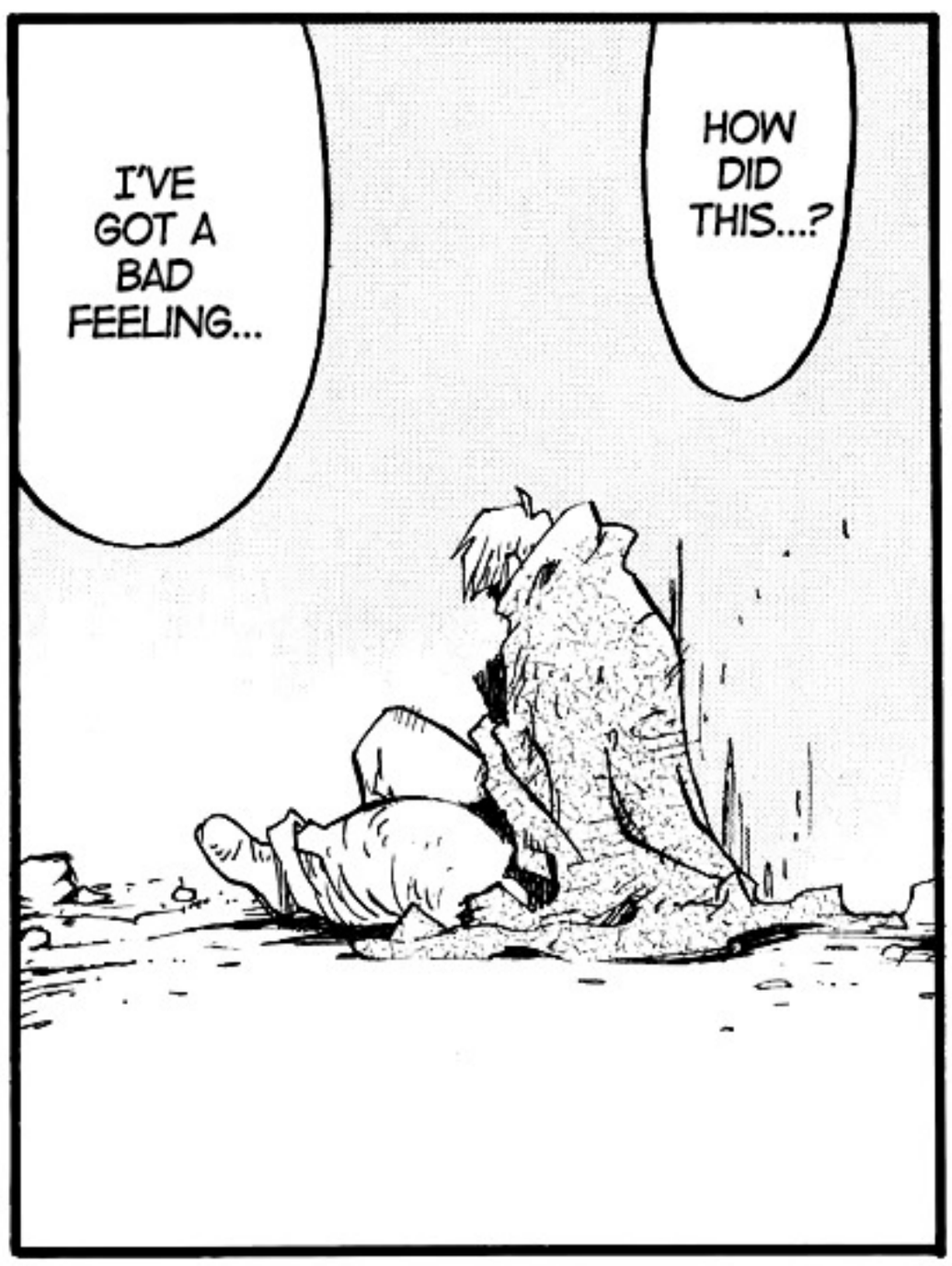
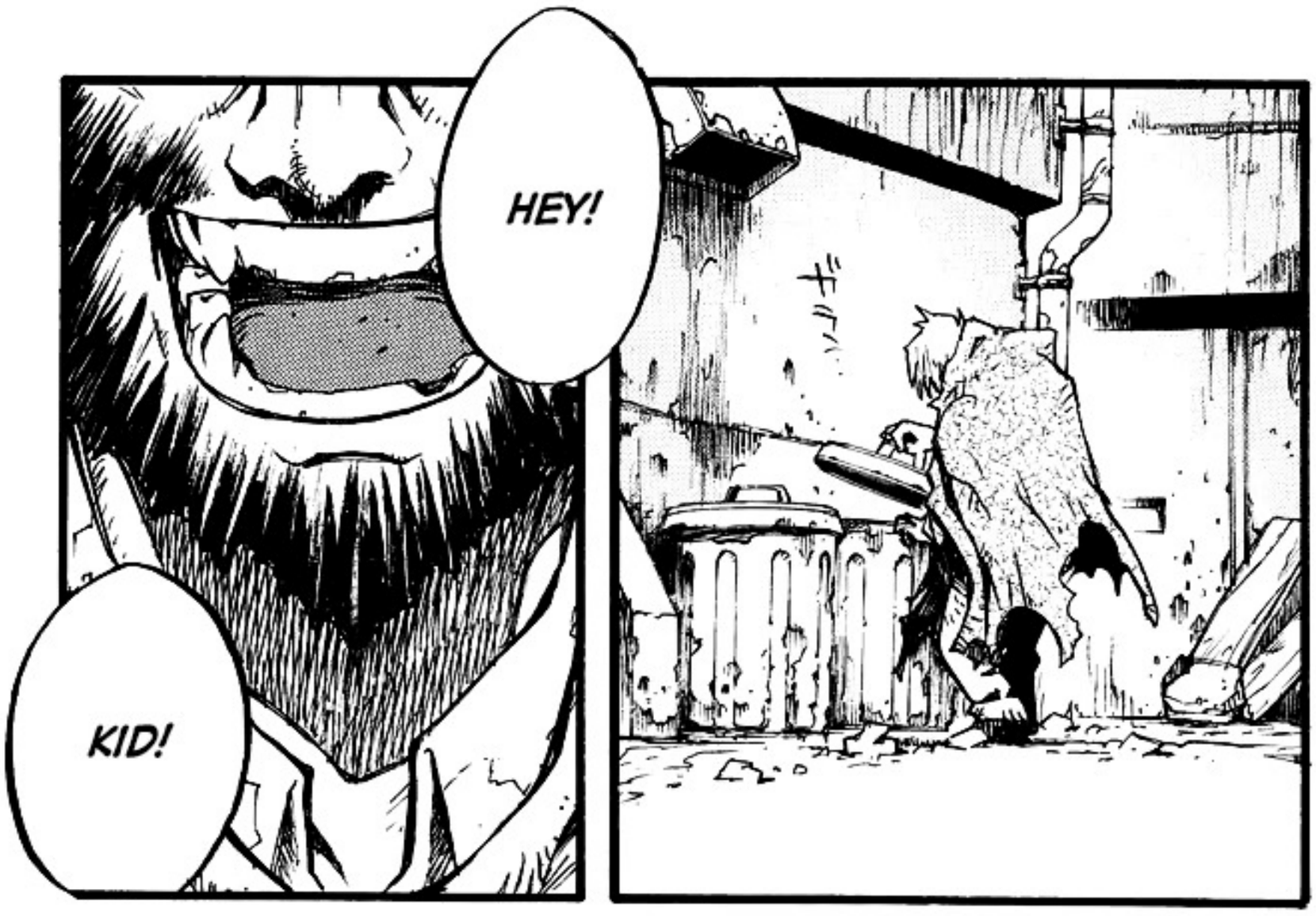
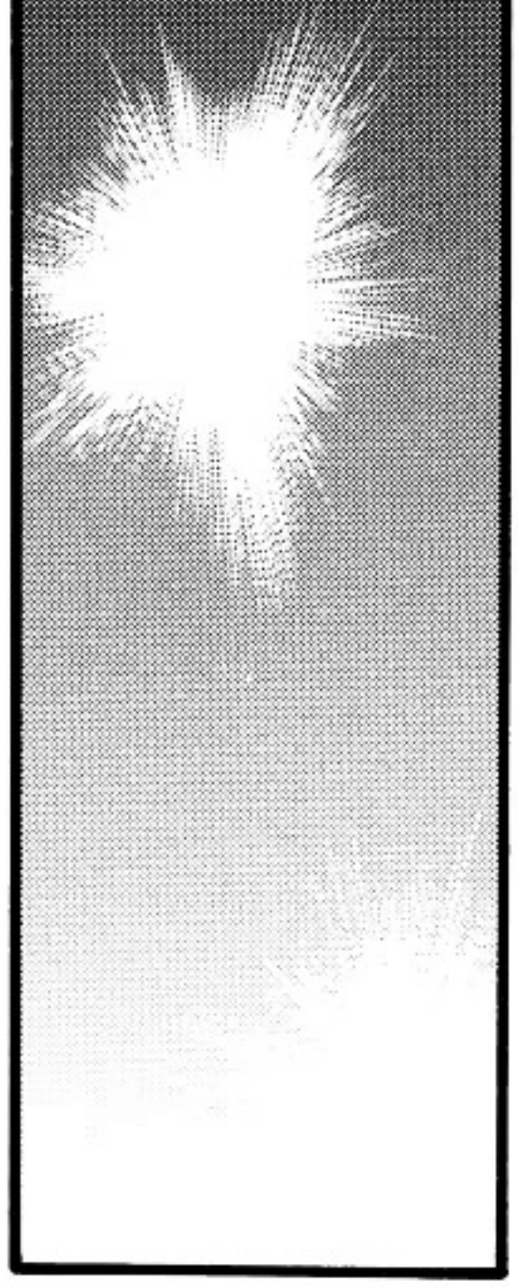

I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING...
HOW DID THIS...?

...WHO...?
WHEN DID...?

...
...
I WAS TOO TIRED TO WORRY ABOUT IT.

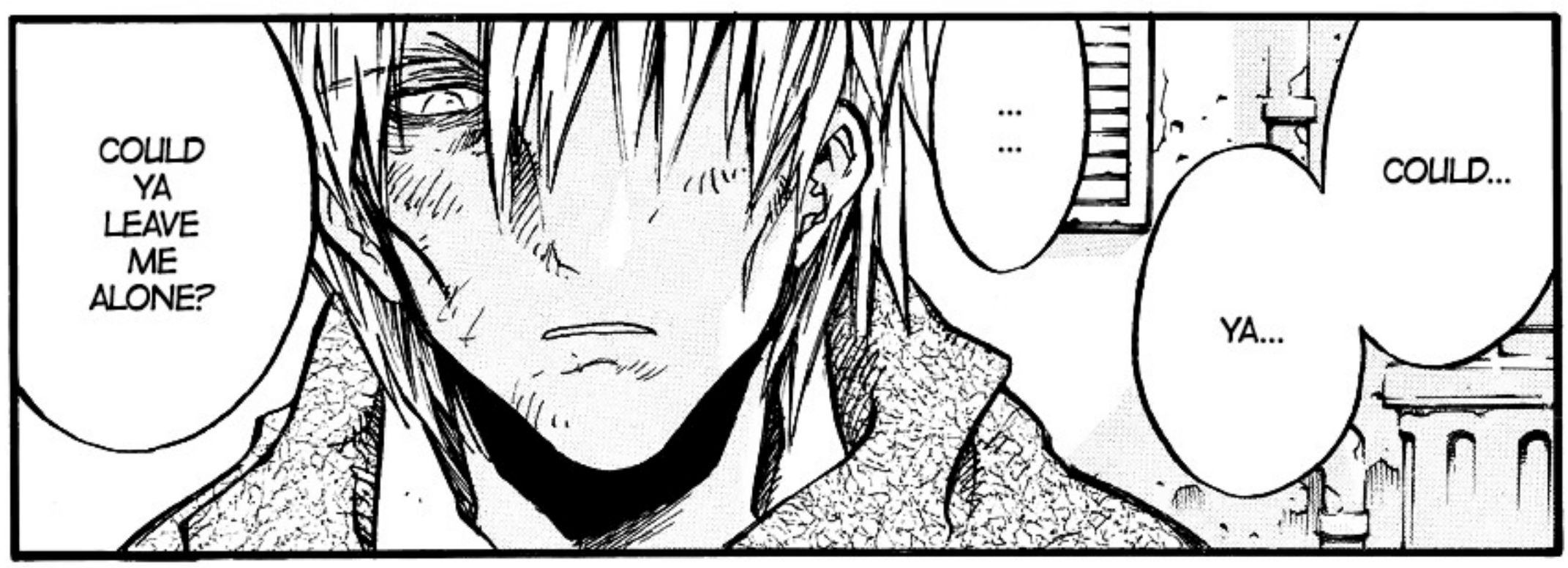

HEY!
KID!



THE HELL YA DOIN' HERE?
PLANNIN' ON STAYIN' HERE A WHILE?
YEAH...
...YOU.

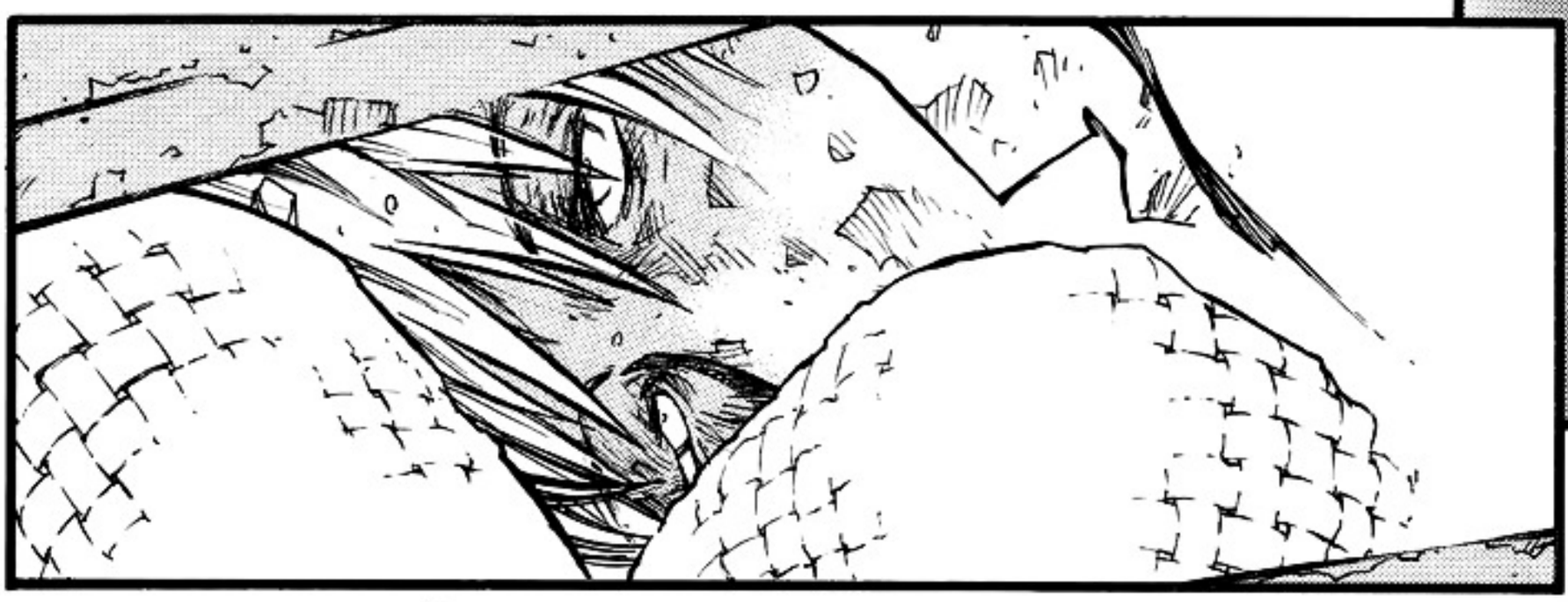
OF COURSE, IT AIN'T ALL BAD NEWS FOR YA.
YA SHOULD KNOW...
...THERE ARE RULES TA FOLLOW TO STAY IN THIS TOWN.
UNDER-STAND?

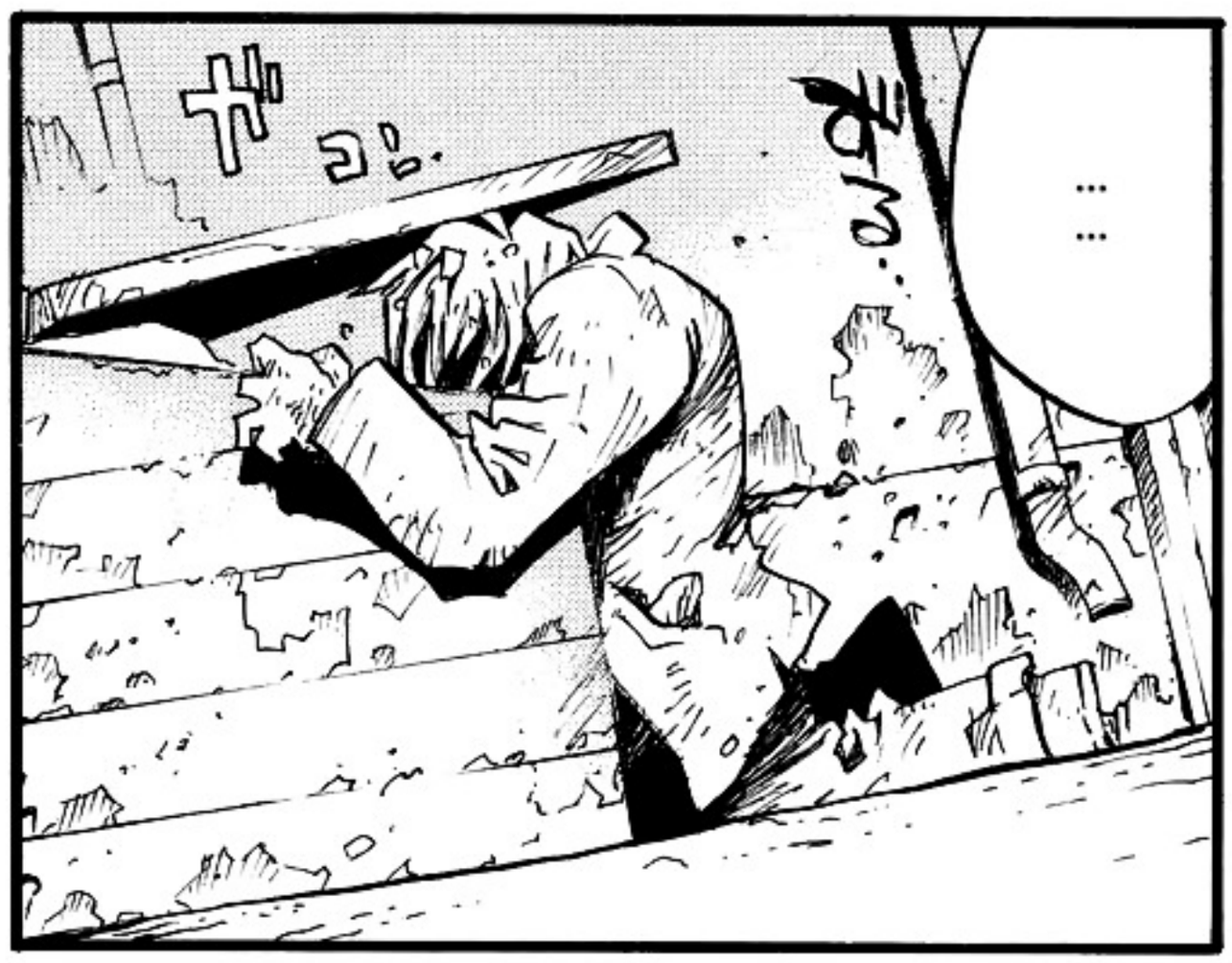
IT'S APPALING...

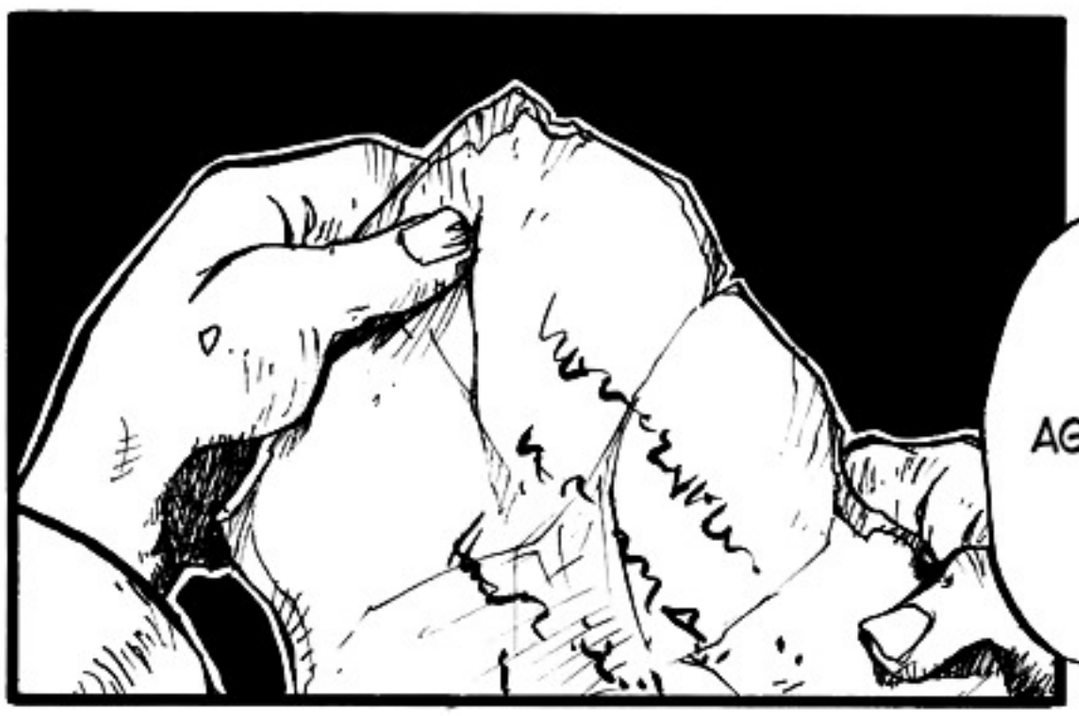


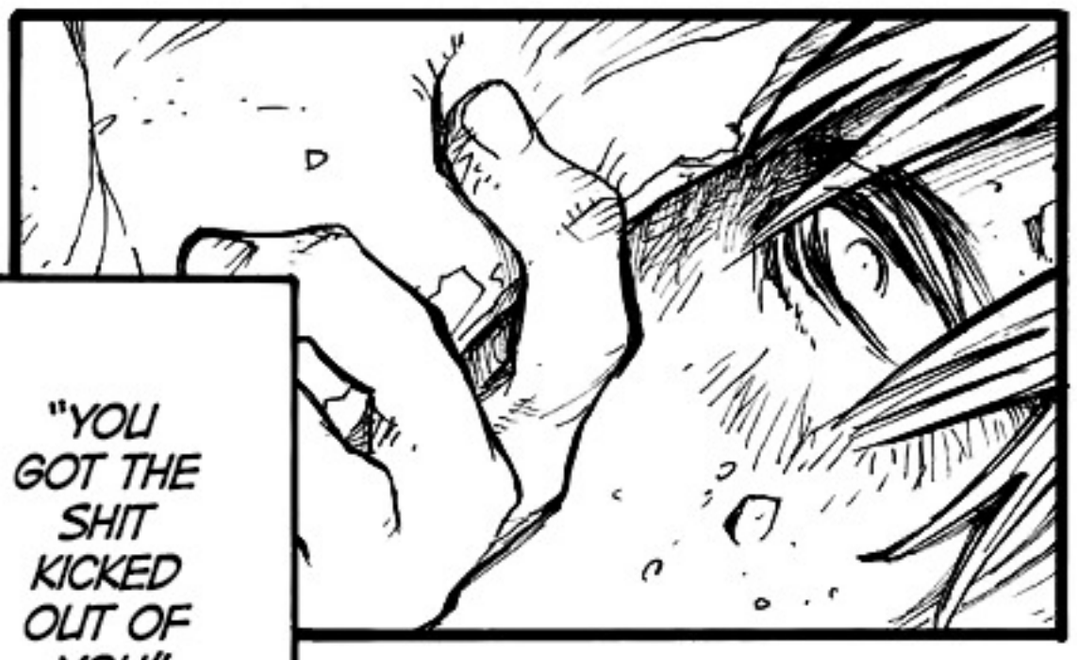
WE KNOW YER TYPE, YA WORTHLESS LITTLE SHIT.
GOT THAT?
WE DON'T CARE WHAT YA WANT.

...TO MAKE YA LISTEN.
AND WE KNOW HOW...









"YOU GOT THE SHIT KICKED OUT OF YOU."

THAT SO...?

"– RAZLO."

"I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.

HAH...

"I'LL SLAUGHTER THEM.

"I'M ALWAYS WATCHING YOU."

"I'LL BE YOUR FANGS."

"STAY SHARP."

THE LETTERS KEPT COMING.

THAT IS...

BUT I HAD ALREADY GIVEN UP.

NOTHING SEEMED TO MATTER.

...UNTIL THAT DAY.

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IT WAS A FEW WEEKS LATER...
...THAT HE FINALLY SHOWED HIMSELF.

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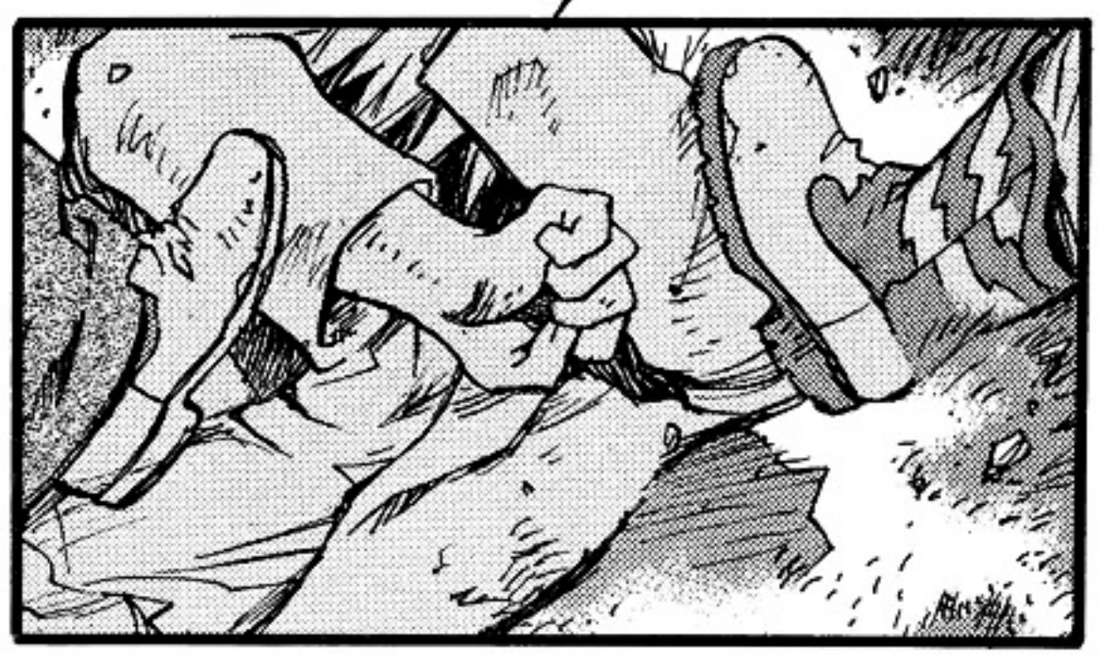
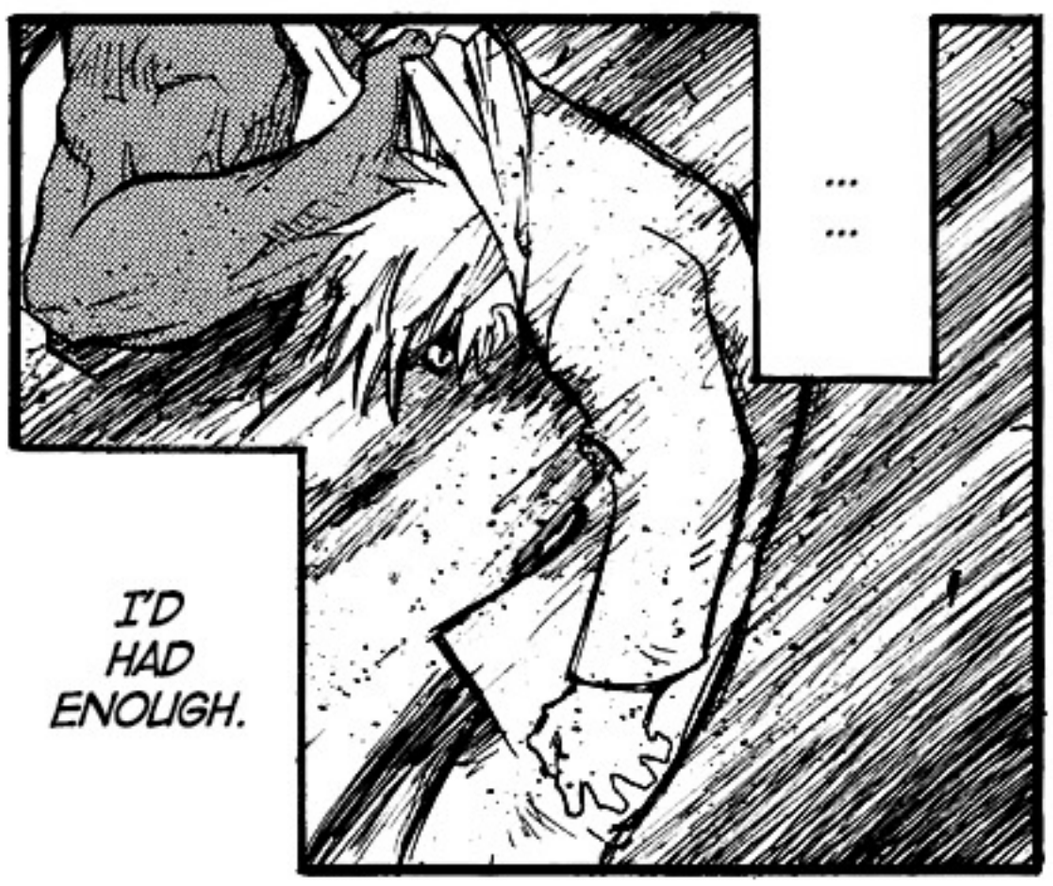
YA THINK YER SO TOUGH, HUH?!

YA LITTLE SHIT!

I DIDN'T SEE...



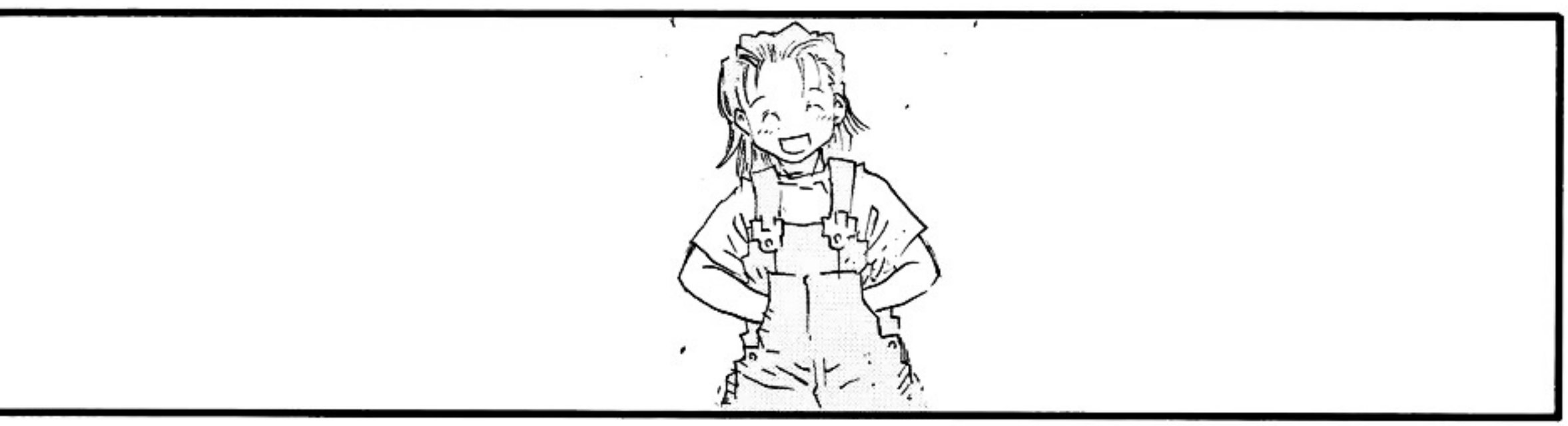
...HOW THIS WAS FUN FOR THEM.

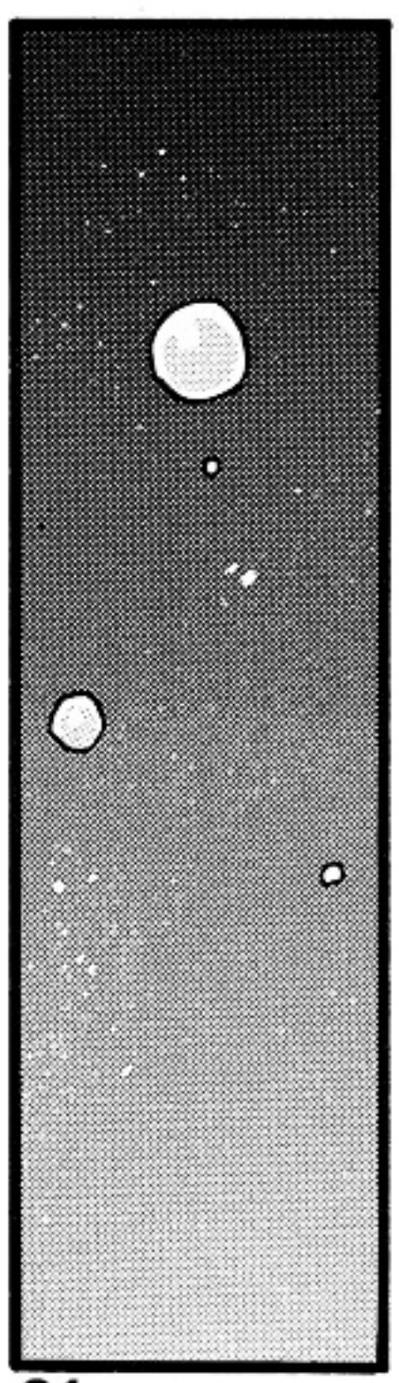


IT'S CLEAR THEY HAD NOTHING BETTER TO DO THAN BEATING UP SOME RANDOM KID ON THE STREET.

I HAD NOWHERE TO BE, NOWHERE TO GO. NOTHING HAD CHANGED.

I JUST WANTED IT OVER WITH.



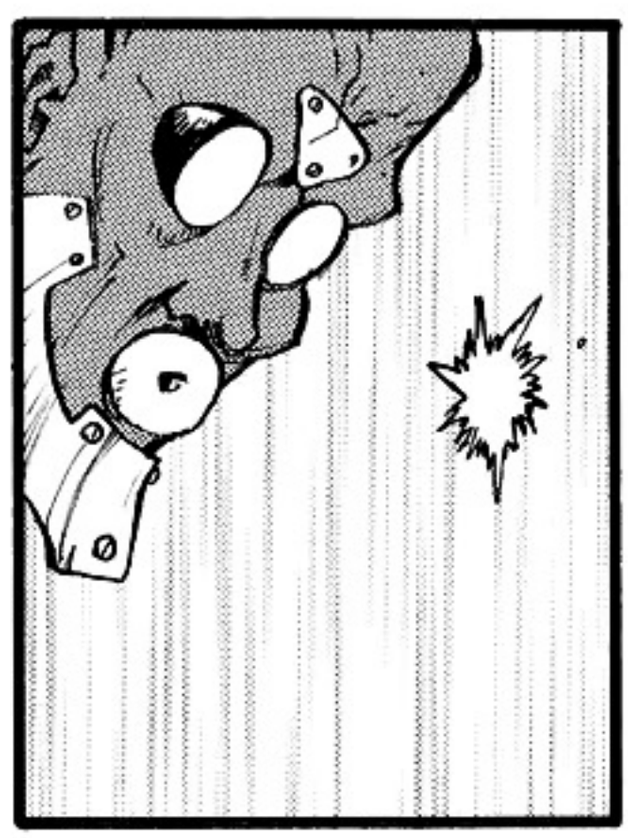


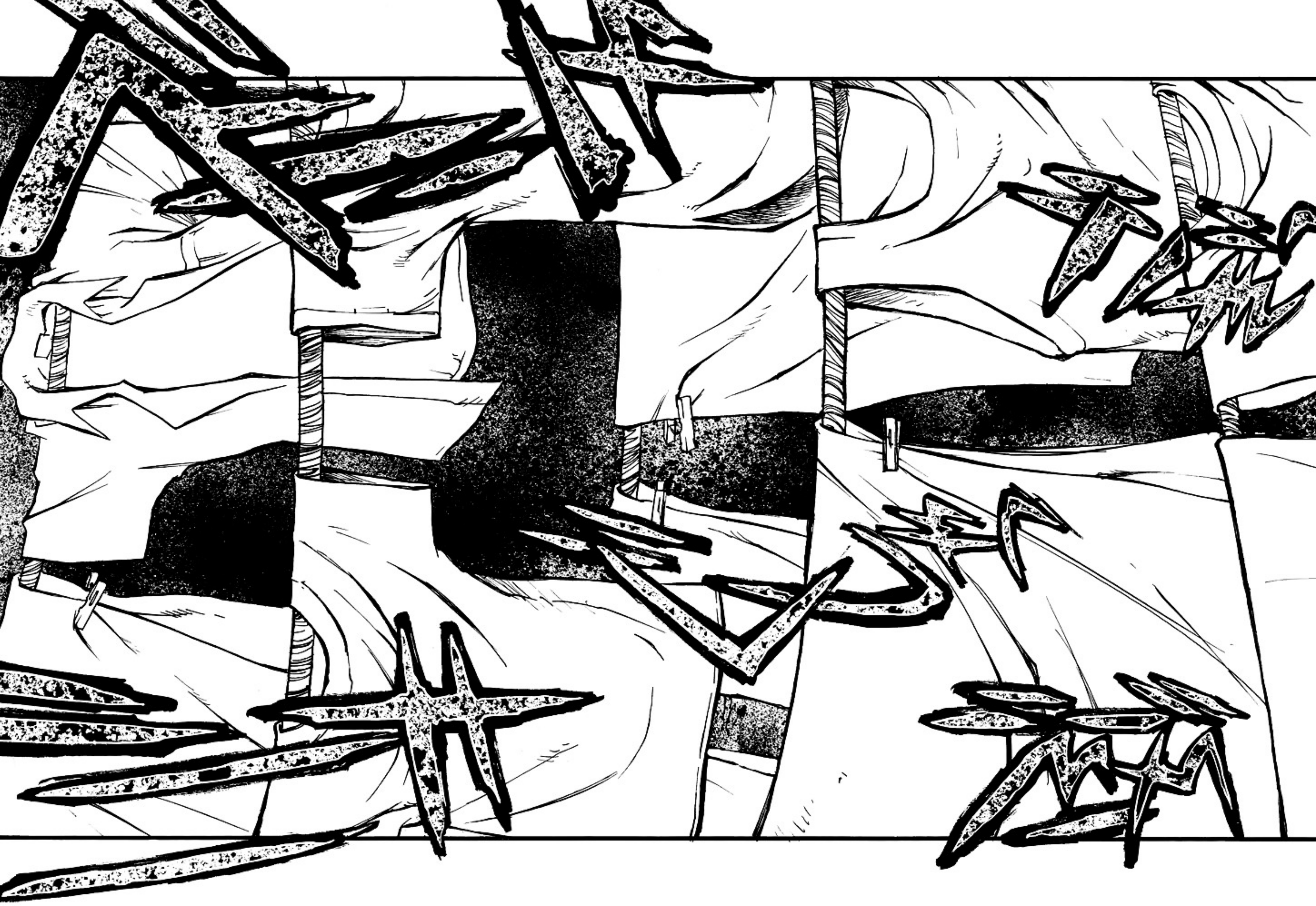
I DIDN'T CARE ANYMORE.

HEY!

YA HAVIN' FUN...

...YA SICK FUCKS?





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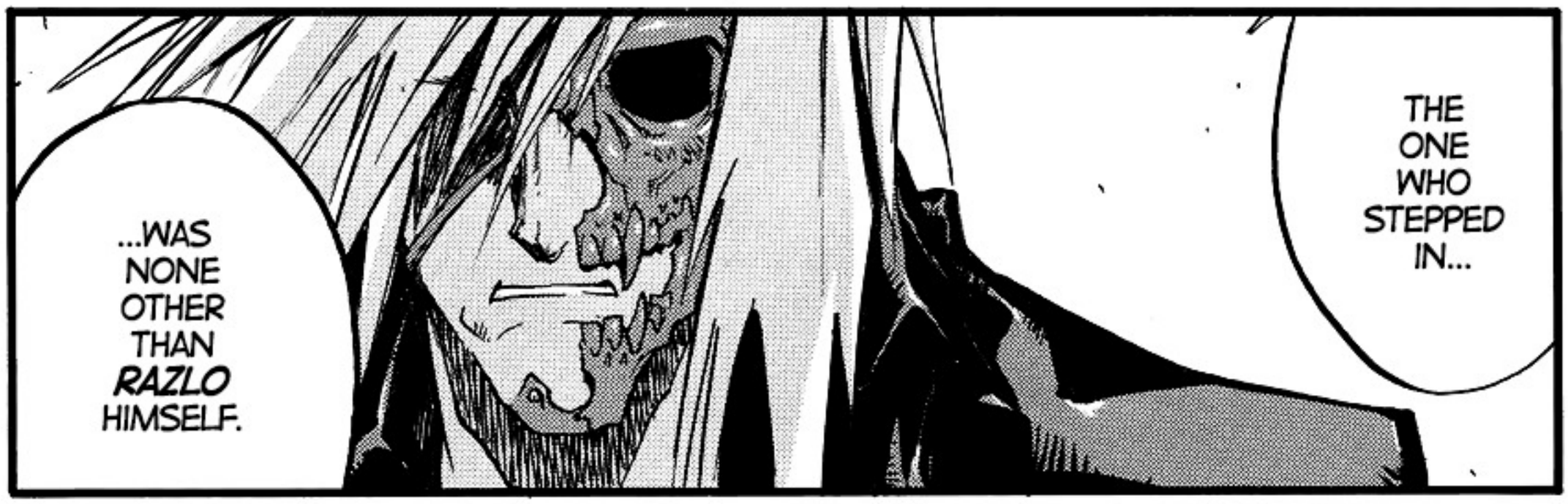
...WAS NONE OTHER THAN *RAZLO* HIMSELF.
THE ONE WHO STEPPED IN...

I THOUGHT I WAS GOING CRAZY.
HE SEEMED LIKE HE WAS YOUNGER THAN ME.

THAT'S WHY IT GOT SO BAD FOR YA.
YA DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE ME 'TIL NOW.
YER TERRIBLE.
YOU...
...
...
...LIVIO.
SORRY TO KEEP YA WAITIN' ...
SHALL WE GO?
BUT, HEY...
...WHERE WE'LL BE NEEDED.
TO A PLACE...
GO WHERE?
...?

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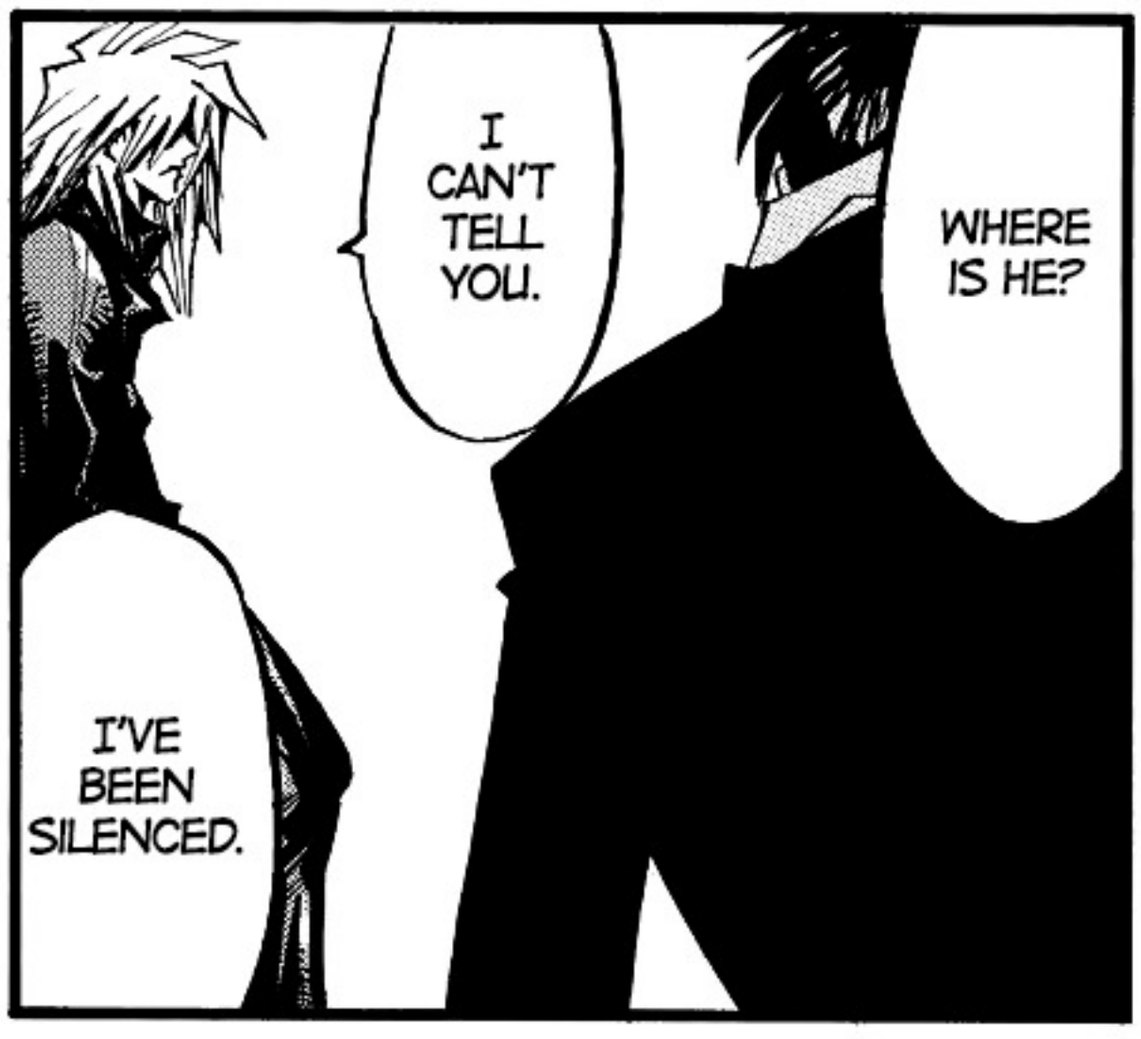
...

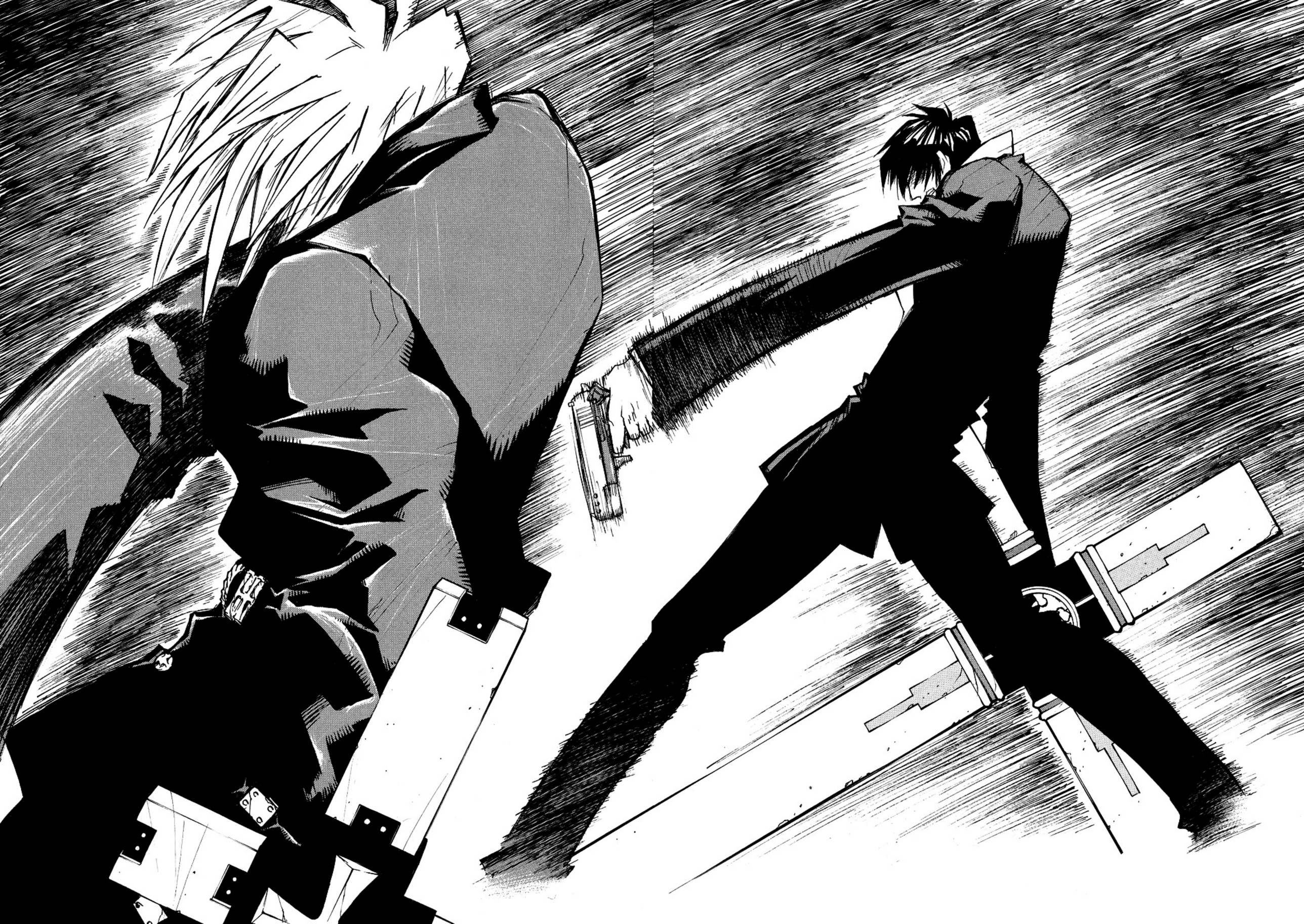
...SO, HE'S THE ONE...
...WHO TOOK YA TO THE EYE OF MICHAEL.

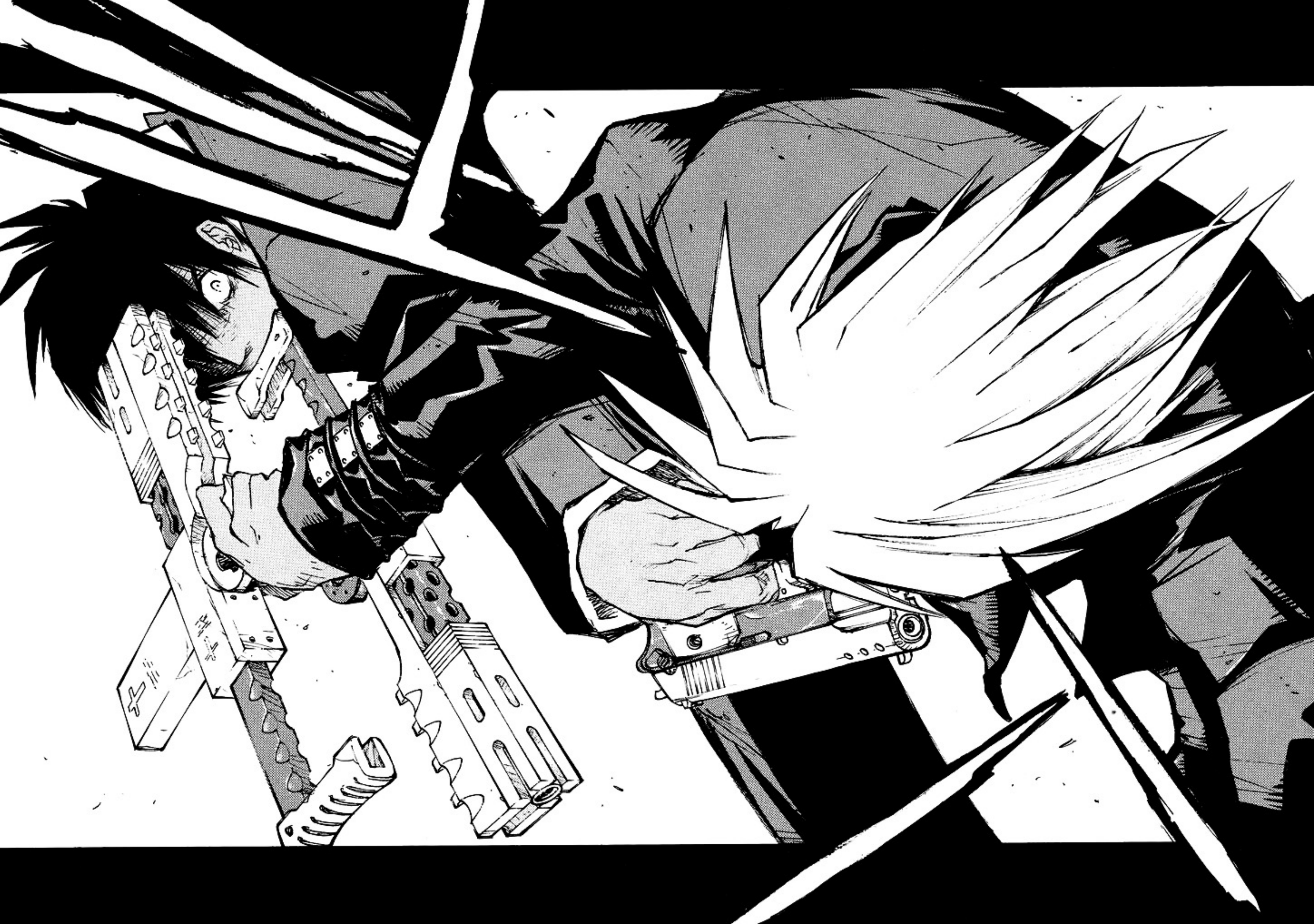

WHERE IS HE?
I CAN'T TELL YOU.
I'VE BEEN SILENCED.

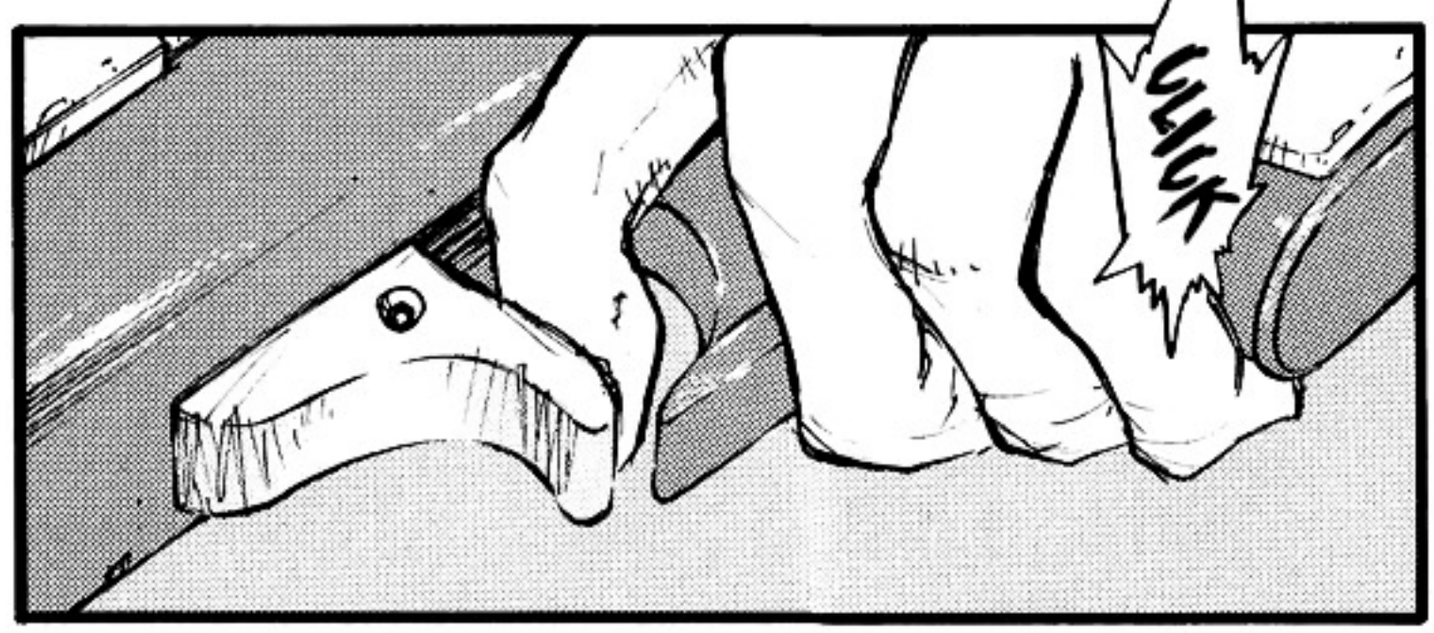
...
...
YA REALLY LOST IT...
...LIVIO.

THAT MAY BE RIGHT.
BUT THEN...

...SO HAVE YOU...
...WOLF-WOOD.



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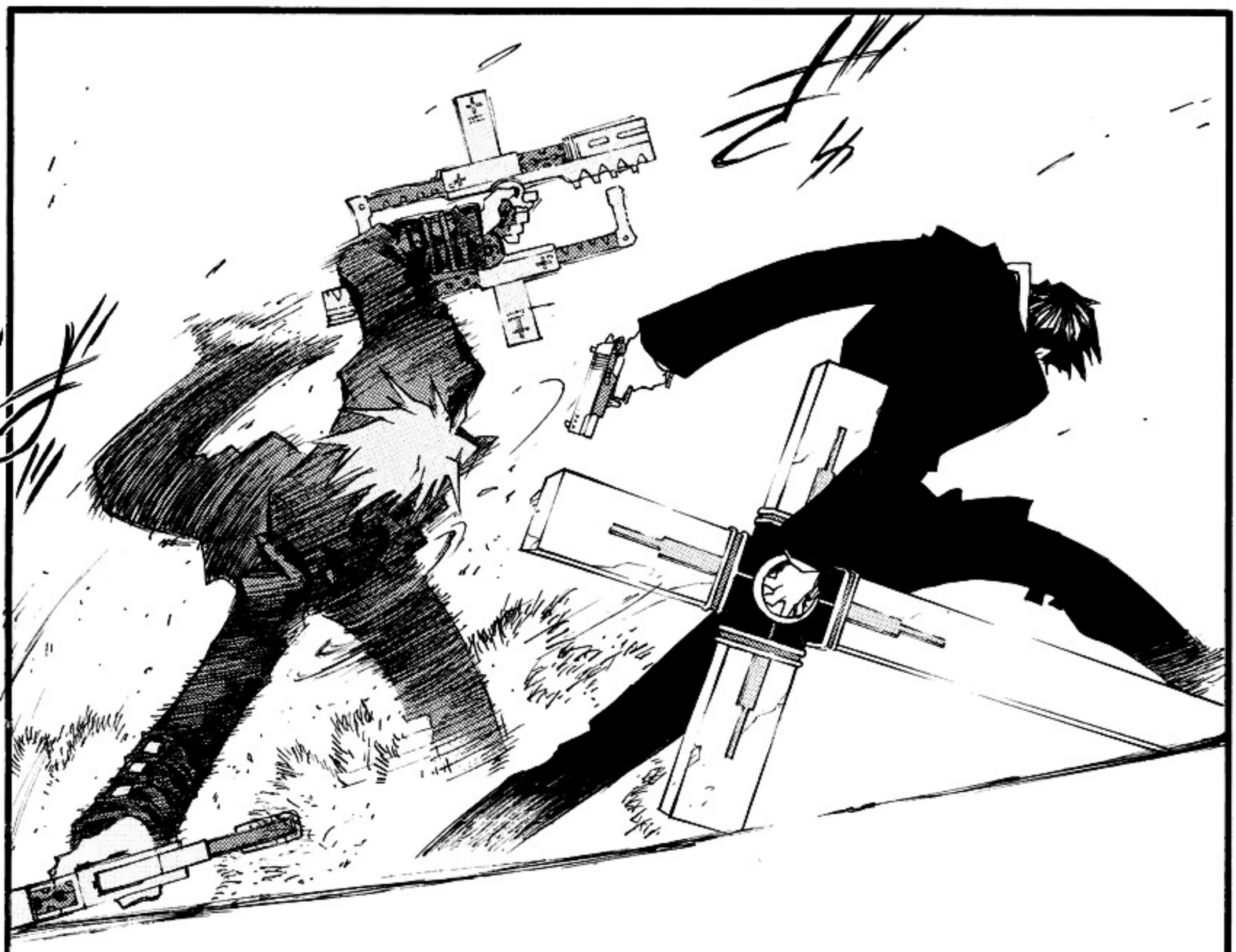
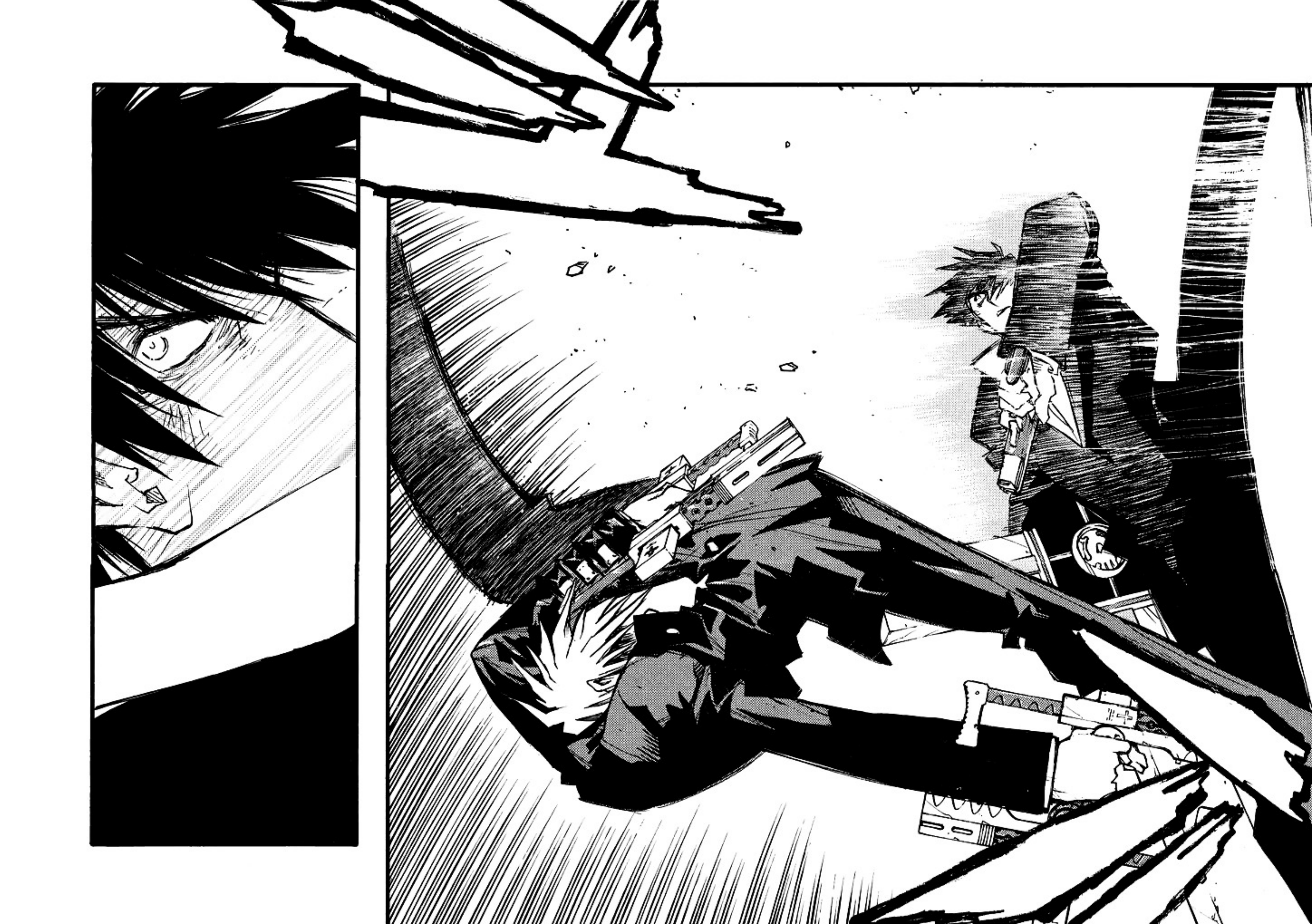
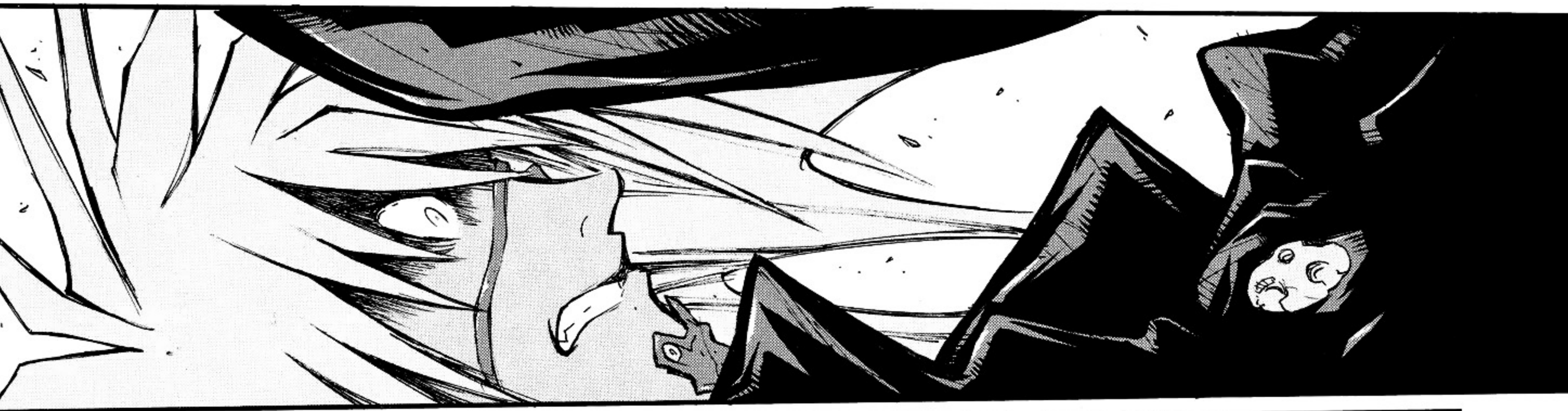
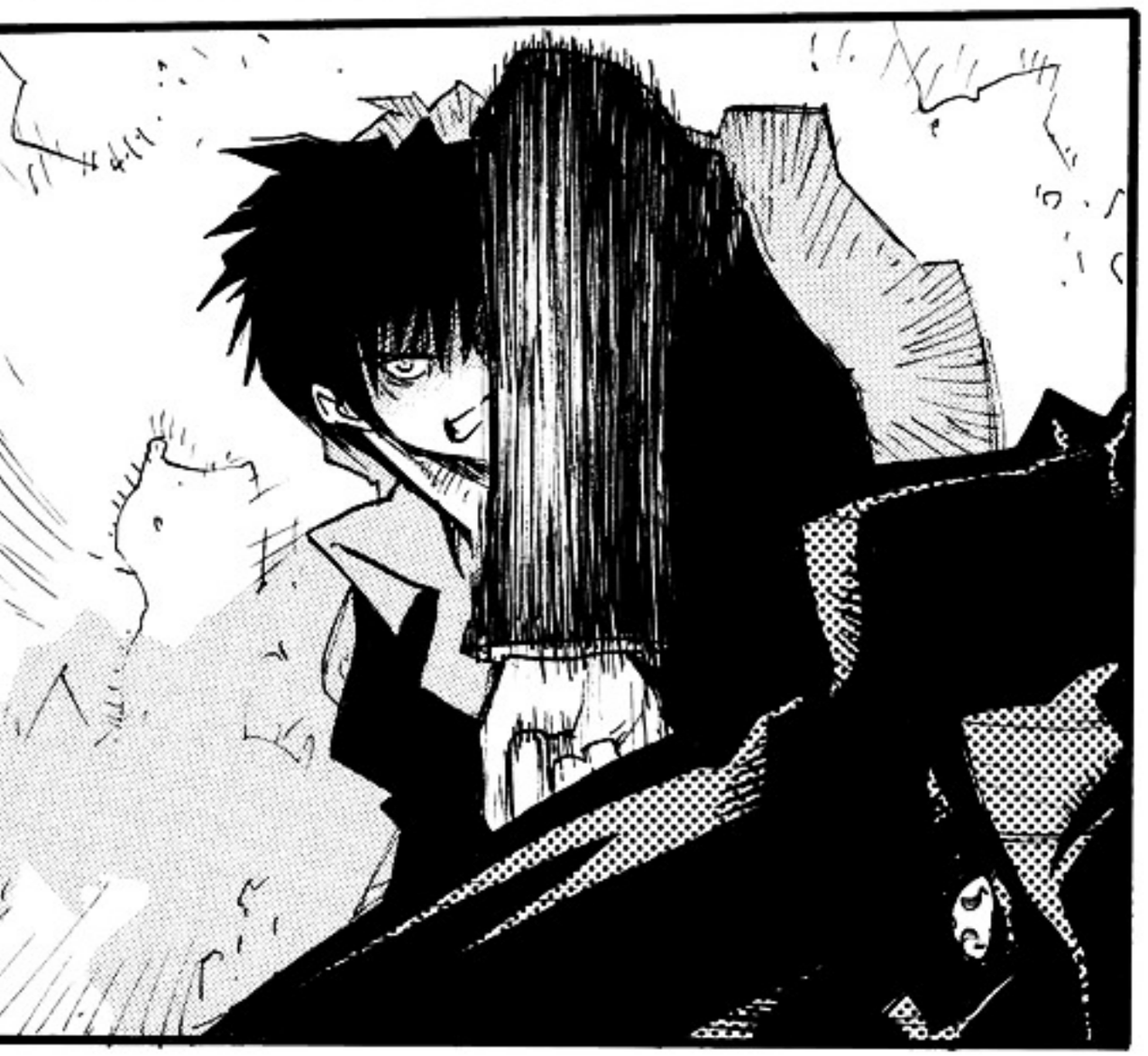
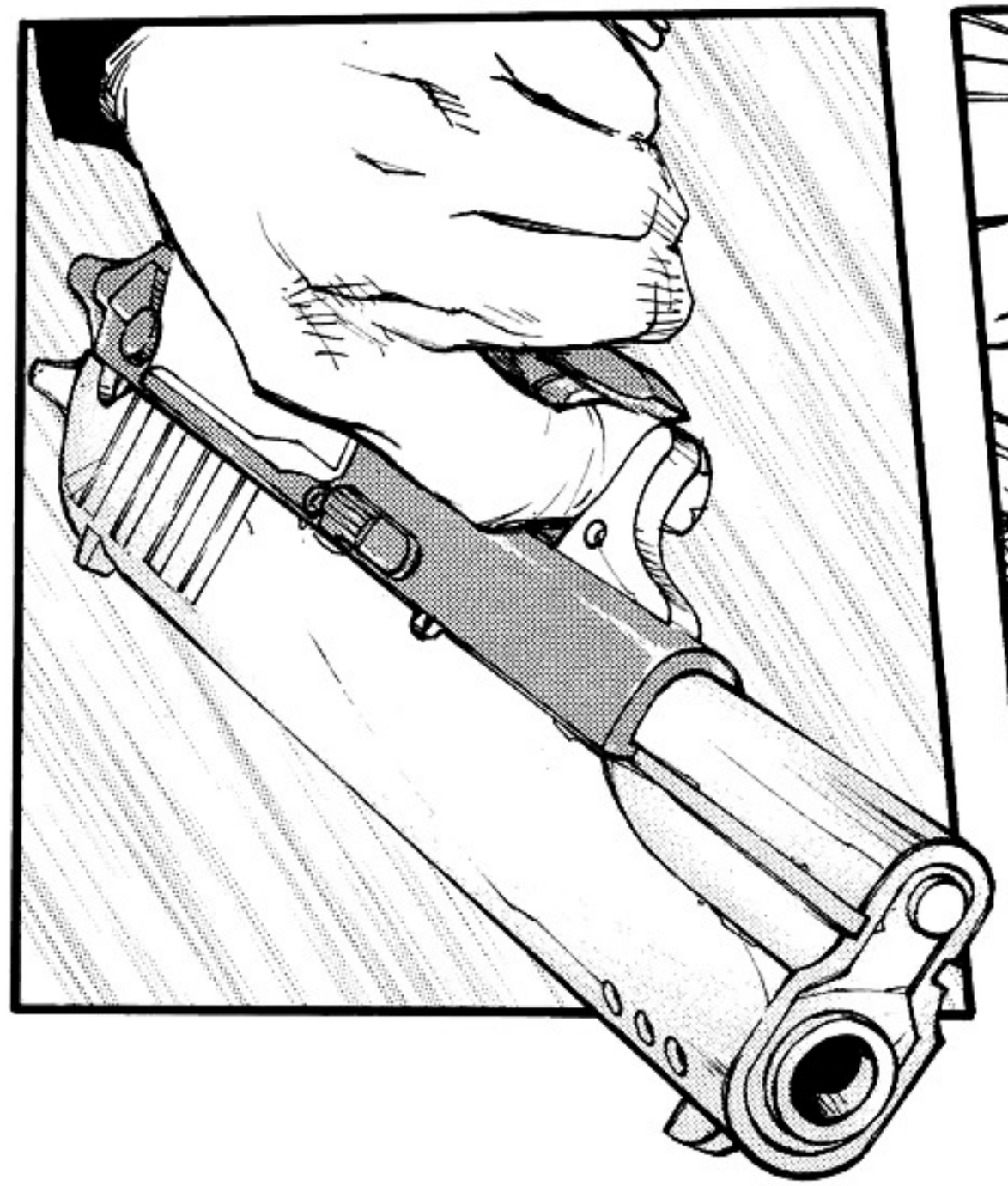


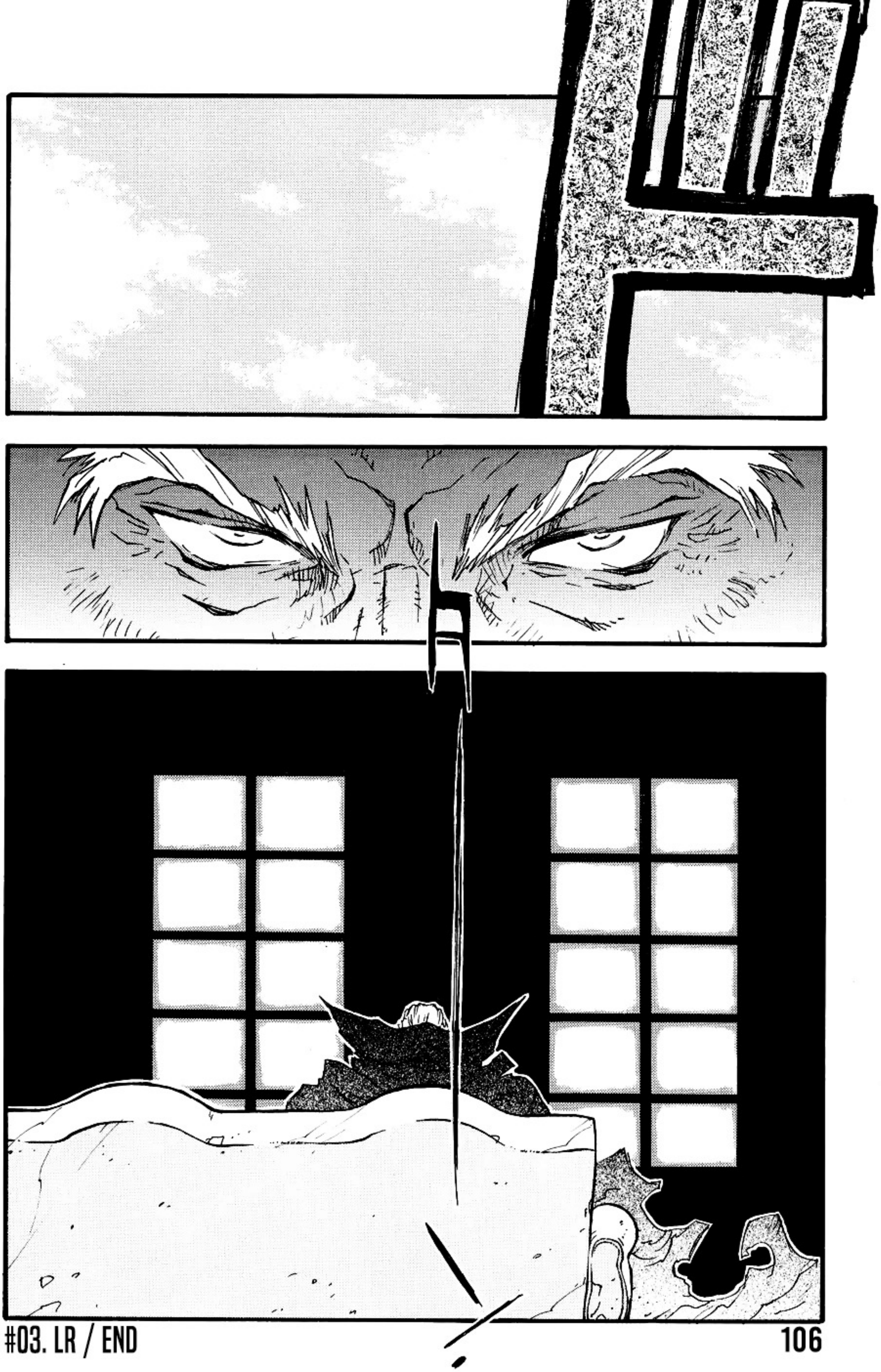


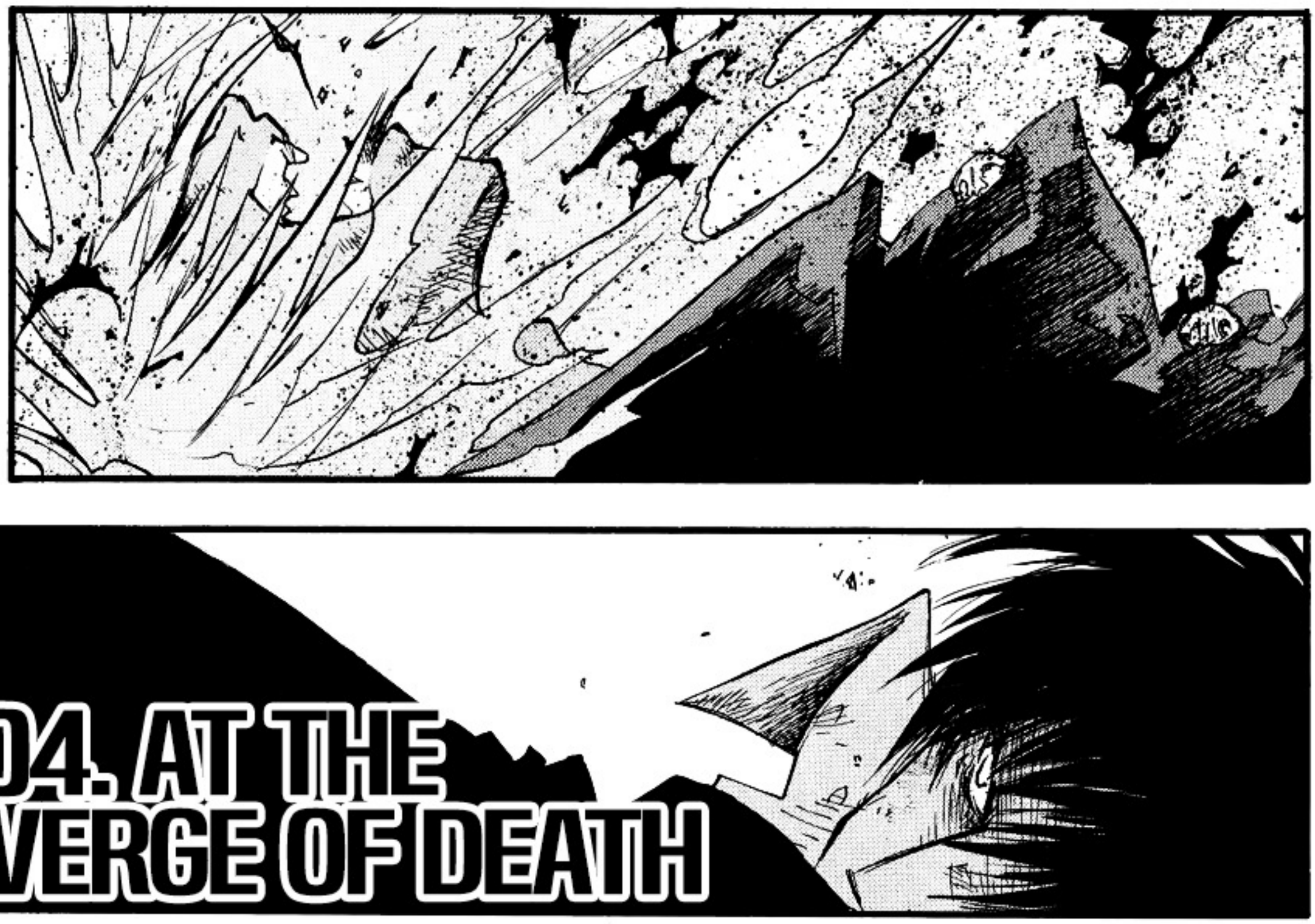






REST IN PEACE...
LIVIO.





#04. AT THE VERGE OF DEATH

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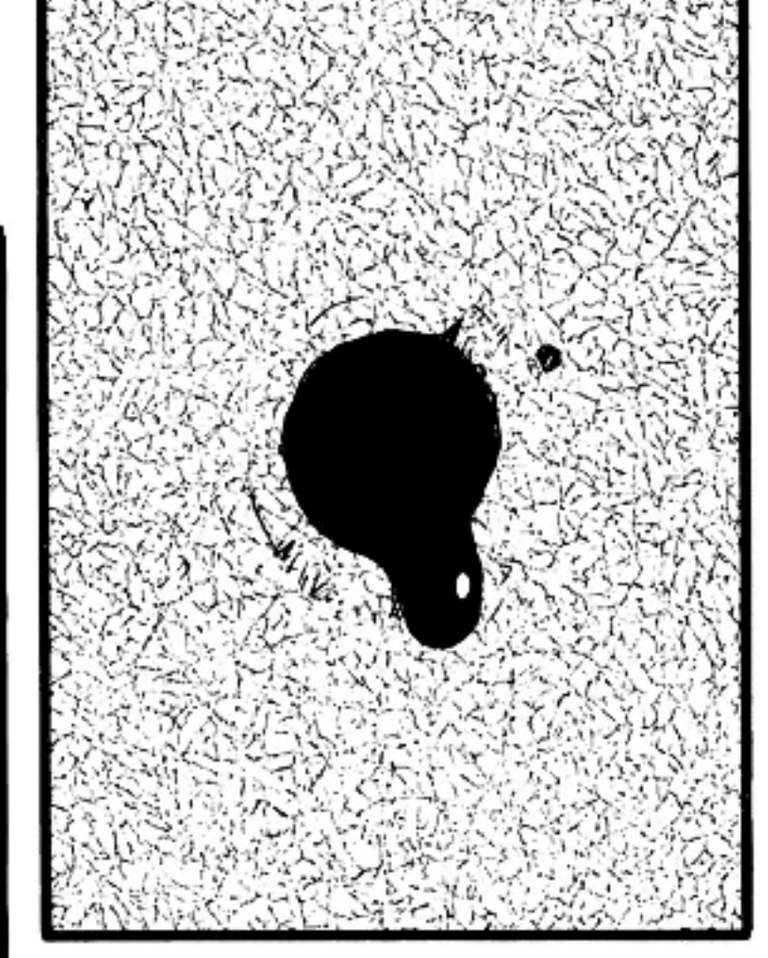
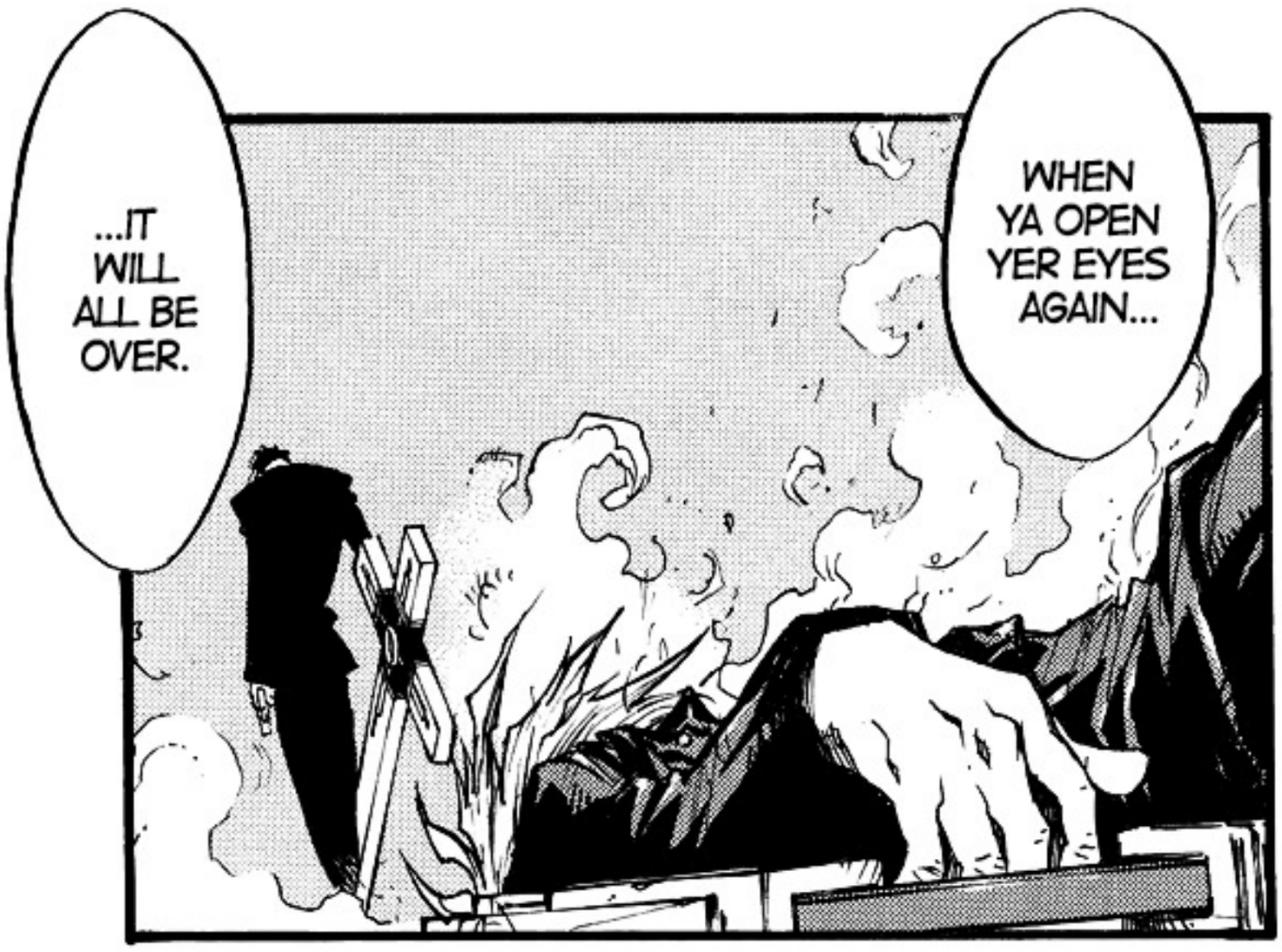
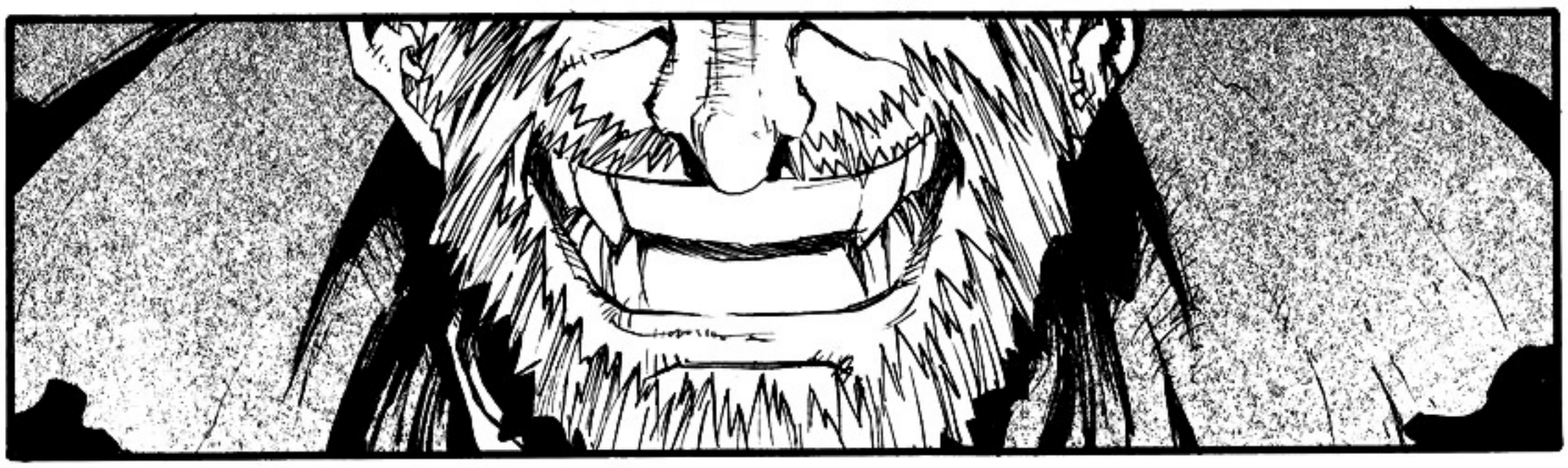
...
AH...
GA AA AA AA AA AA AA AH!



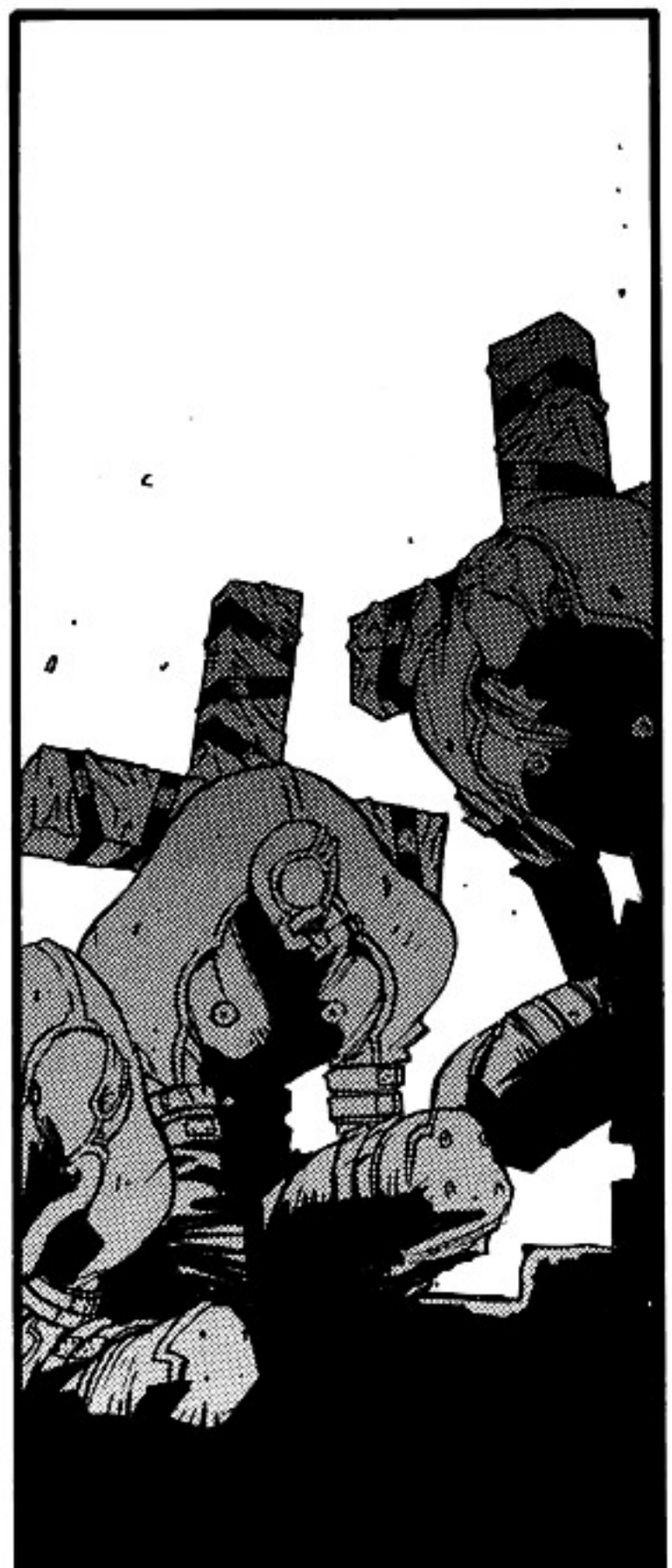
THAT OLD BASTARD USED US! HE PLANNED FOR US TO DIE!
GOD DAMNIT!
THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD'VE BEATEN THIS GUY!
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING!
...!!
WHAT THE HELL ?!

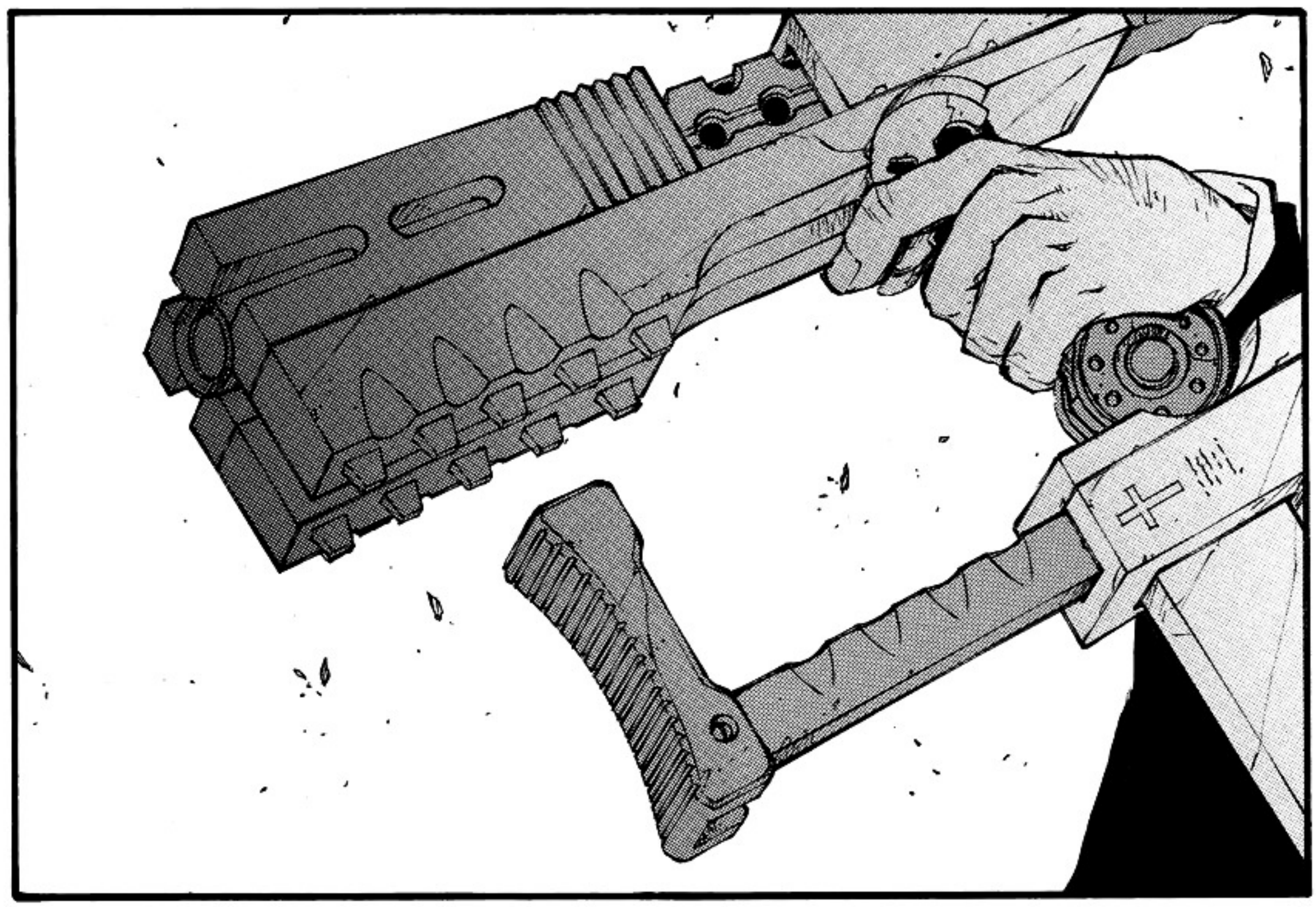

...IT WILL ALL BE OVER.
WHEN YA OPEN YER EYES AGAIN...

SLEEP WELL...
...LIVIO.



AH...
HAH...
AA AIII EEE EE!!





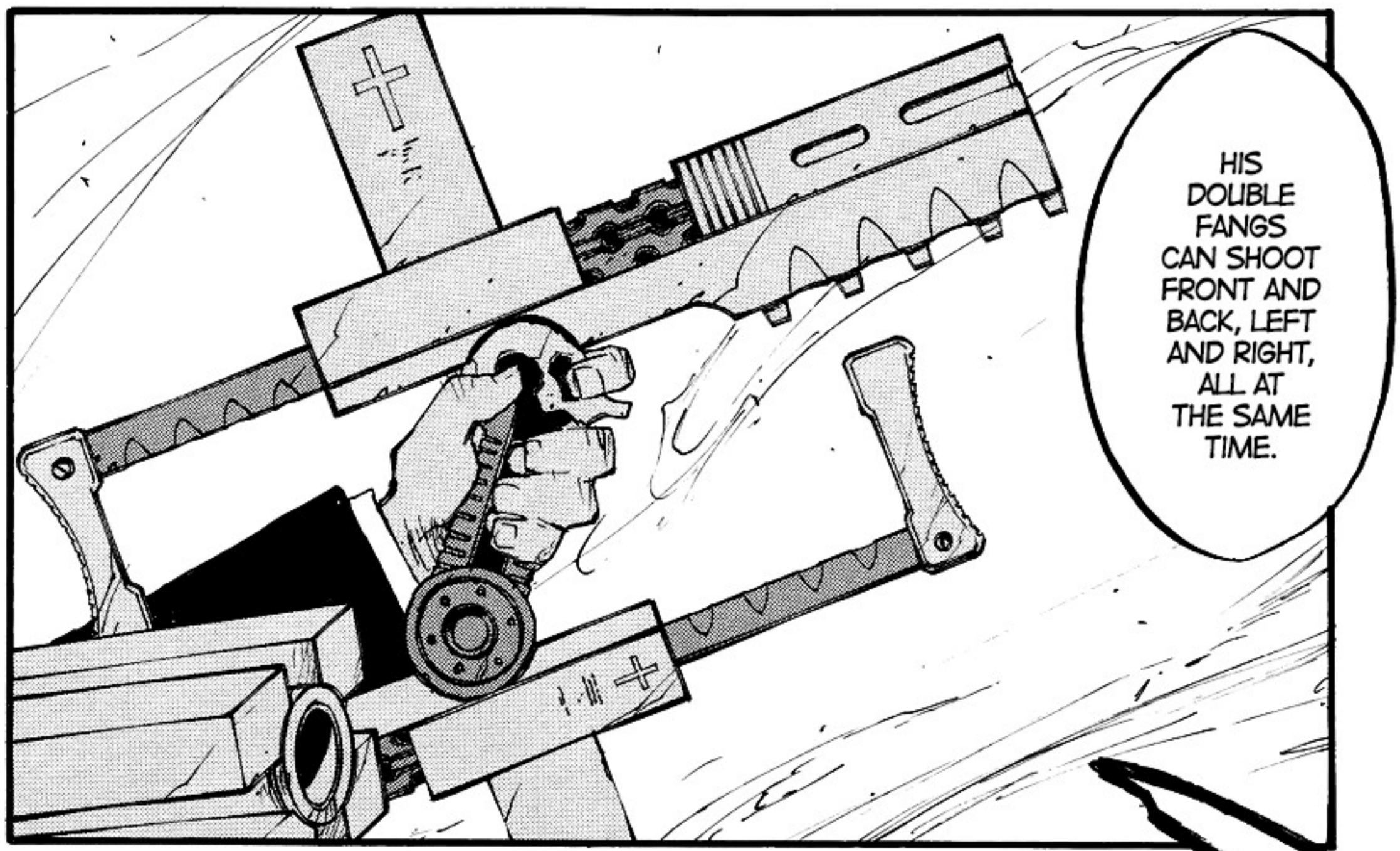
...NICHOLAS.
YOU MIS-CALCULATED...
HEH HEH HEH HEH!

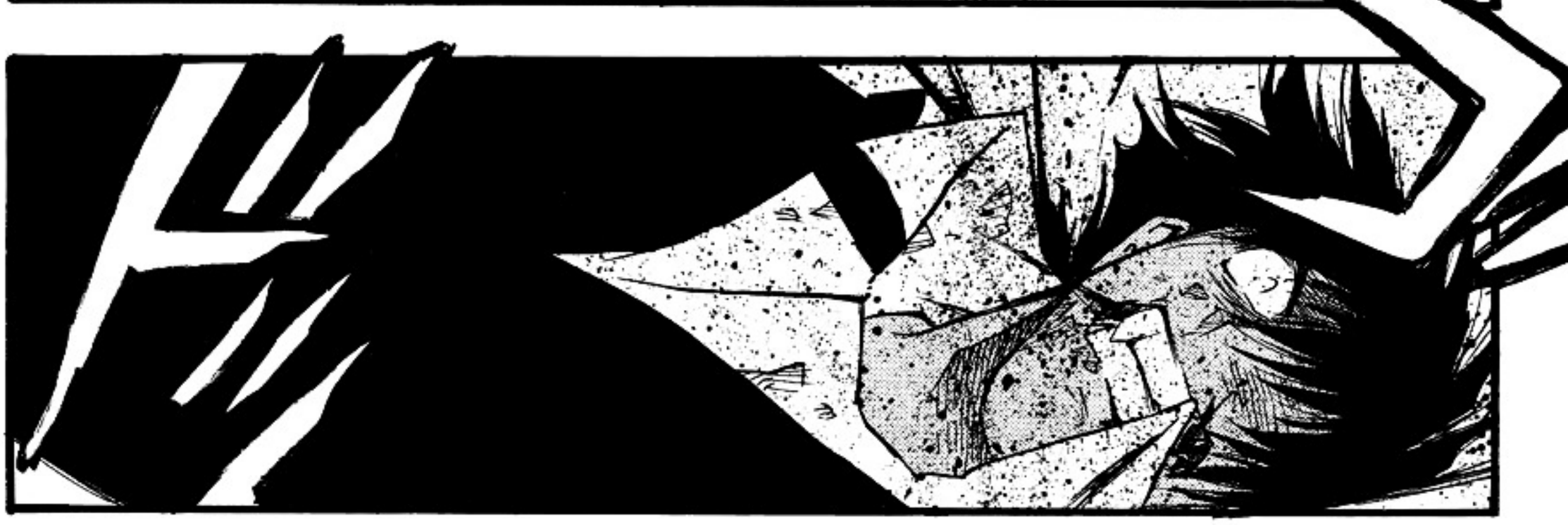
YOU SHOULD HAVE KILLED HIM WHEN YOU HAD THE *CHANCE!*
...YOU FOOL!
YOUR INTENTION MAY HAVE BEEN TO INCAPACITATE HIM...
HIS ENHANCED REGENERATION IS AN UPGRADE FROM YOURS.

THAT IS THE *TERROR* OF HIS POWER.
NO MATTER THE INJURY, HE *WILL* RETURN FROM THE *VERGE OF DEATH.*

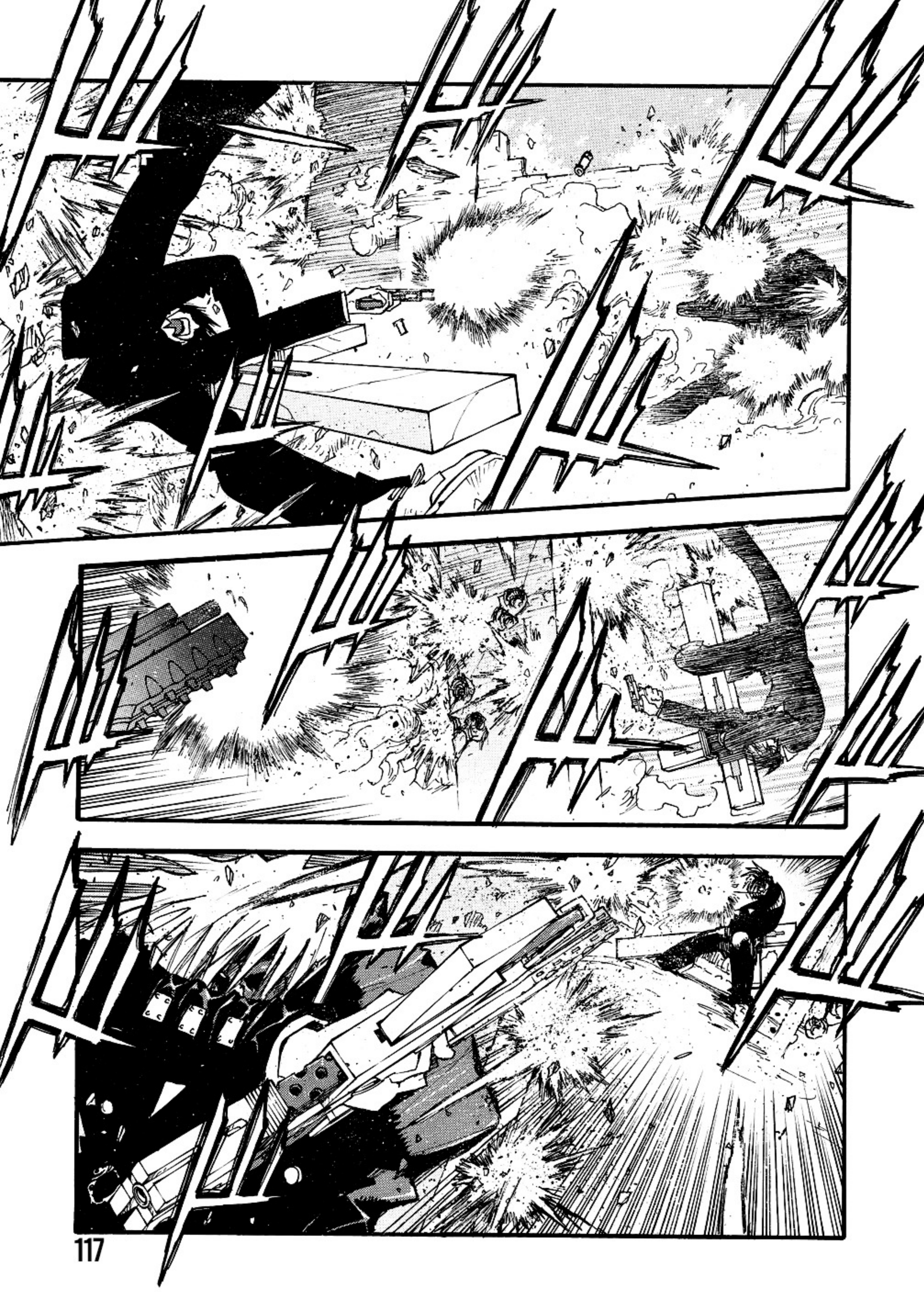
AAACK!
HA-
UGH
UUEGH!

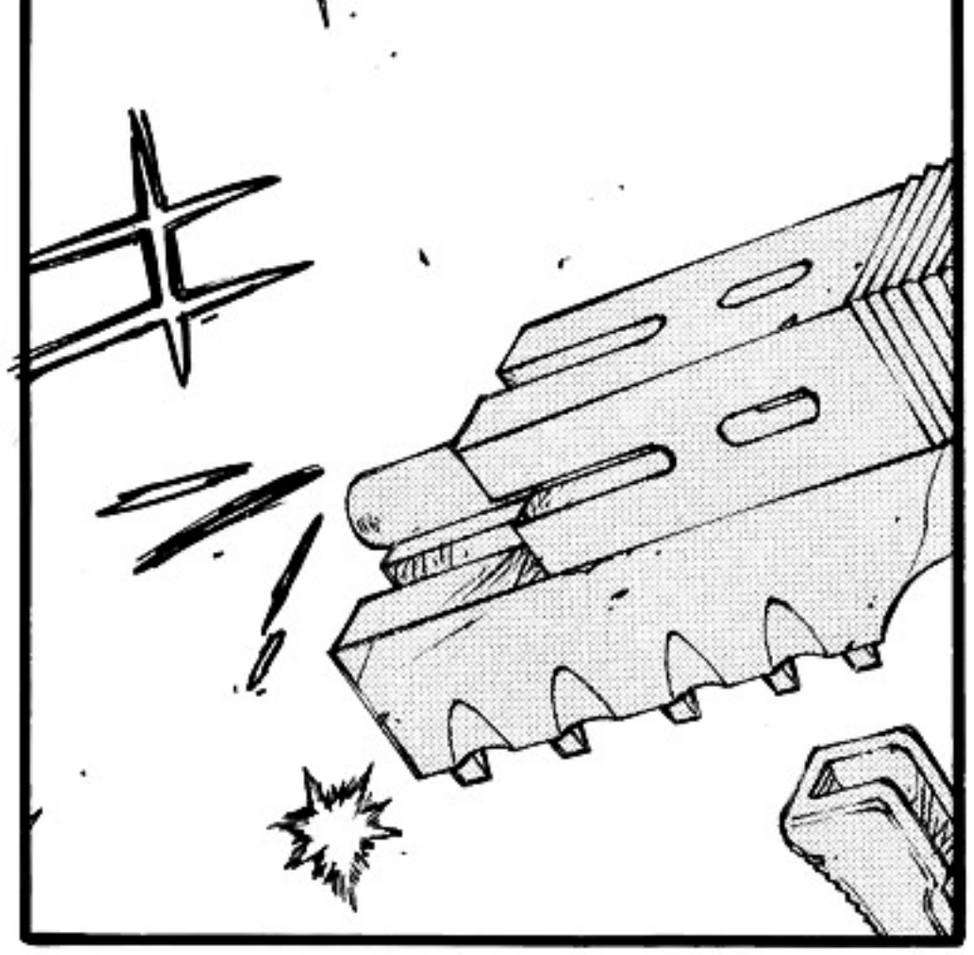
?!
HE HAS *FAR* SURPASSED THE LIMITS OF THE HUMAN BODY.

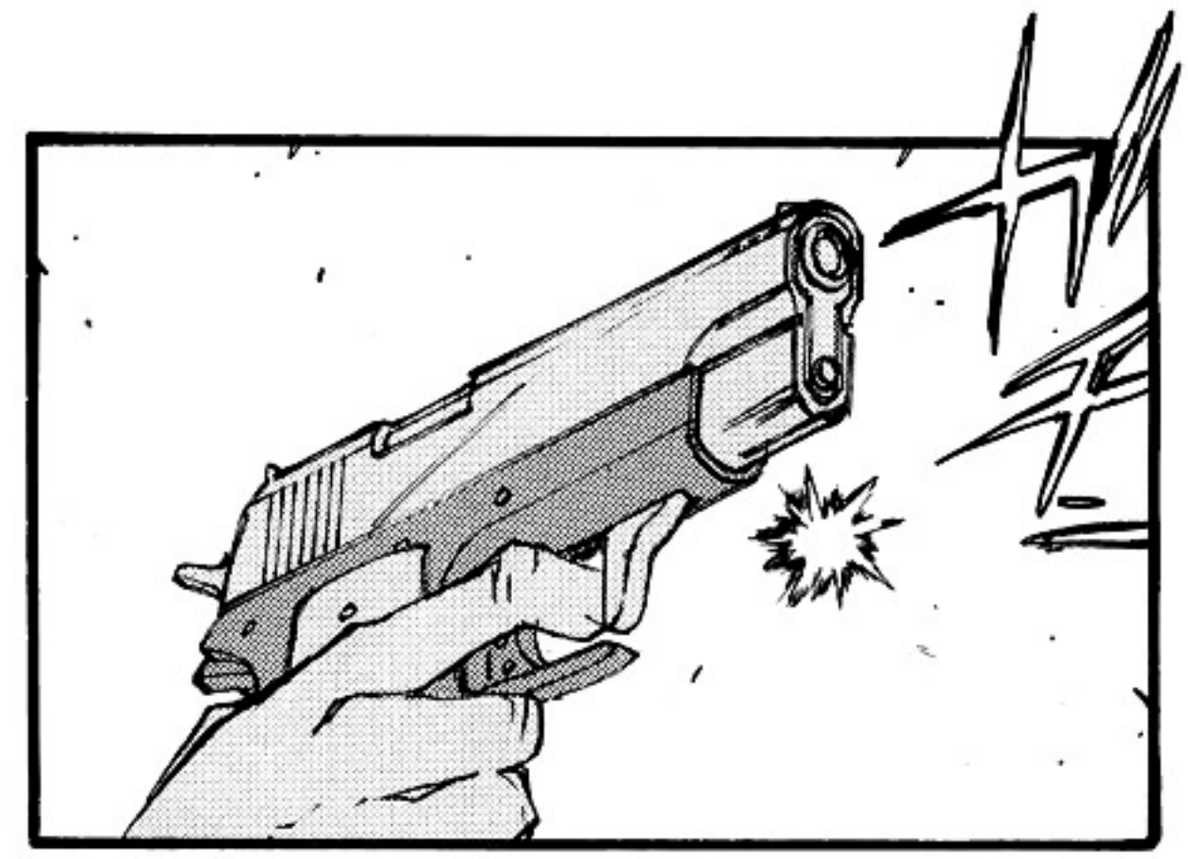

HIS DOUBLE FANGS CAN SHOOT FRONT AND BACK, LEFT AND RIGHT, ALL AT THE SAME TIME.

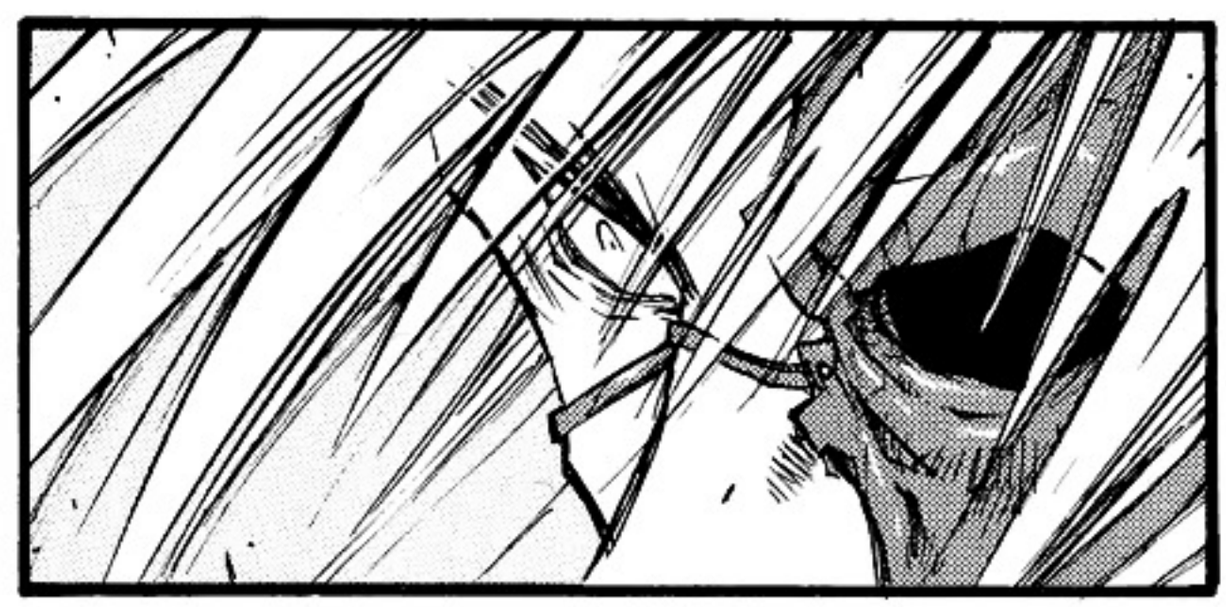


"CHAPEL"...
OR SHOULD I SAY...
NICHOLAS THE PUNISHER!
HIS SKILLS AT KILLING HAVE BEEN HONED TO PERFECTION.
HOW WILL YOU ESCAPE HIS WRATH?!





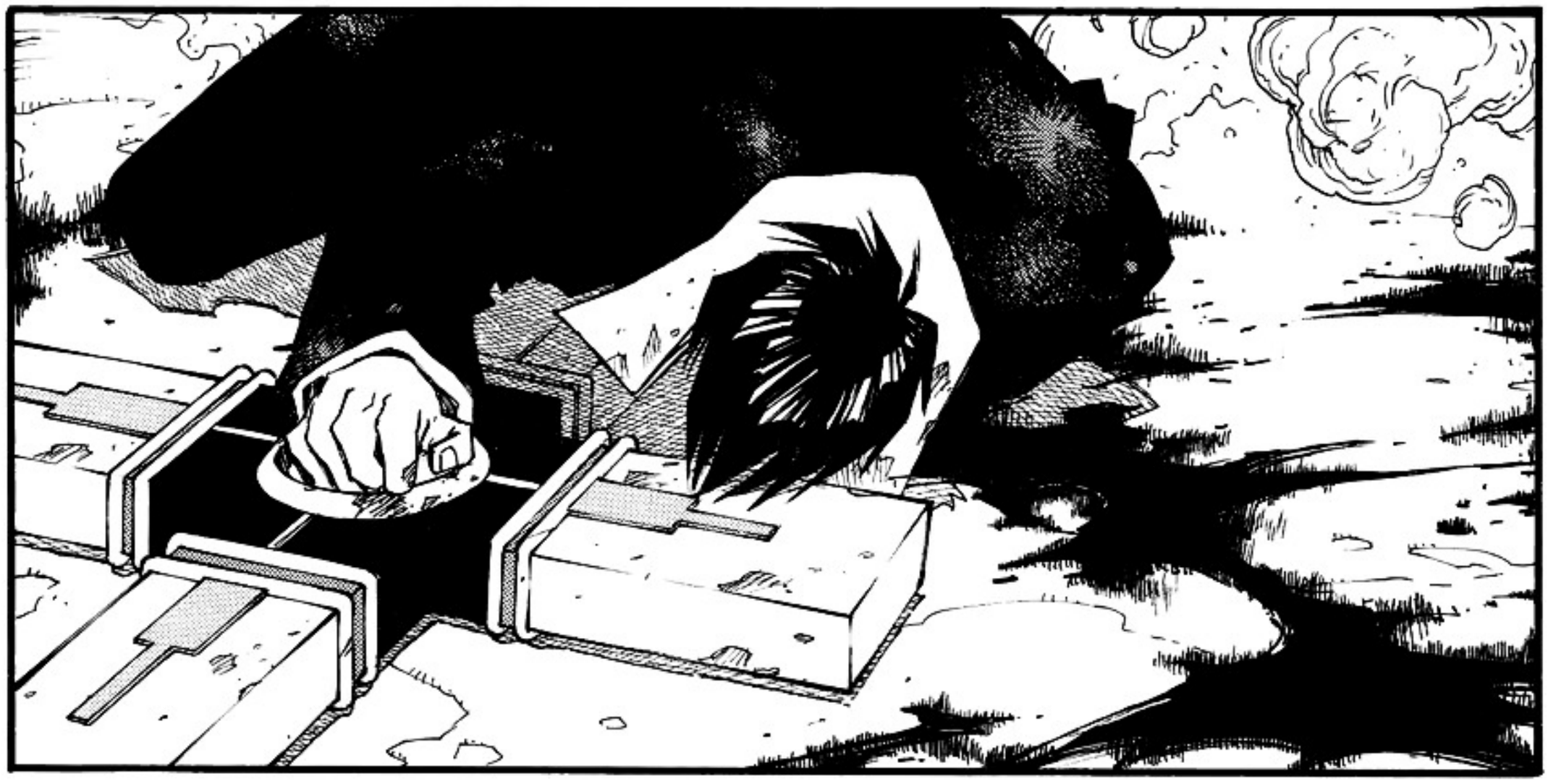




IF

GAAH!

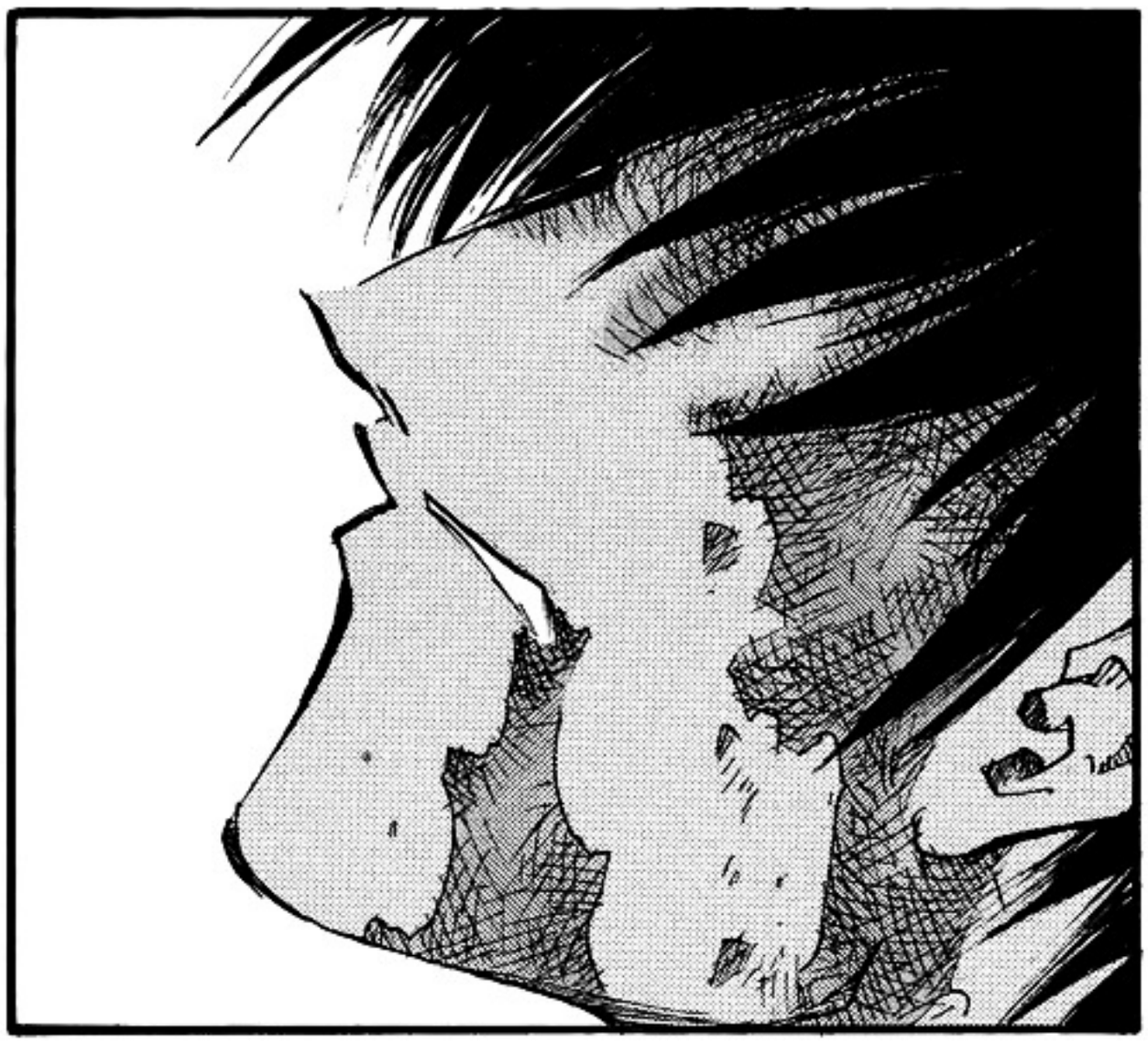
AAAAGH!

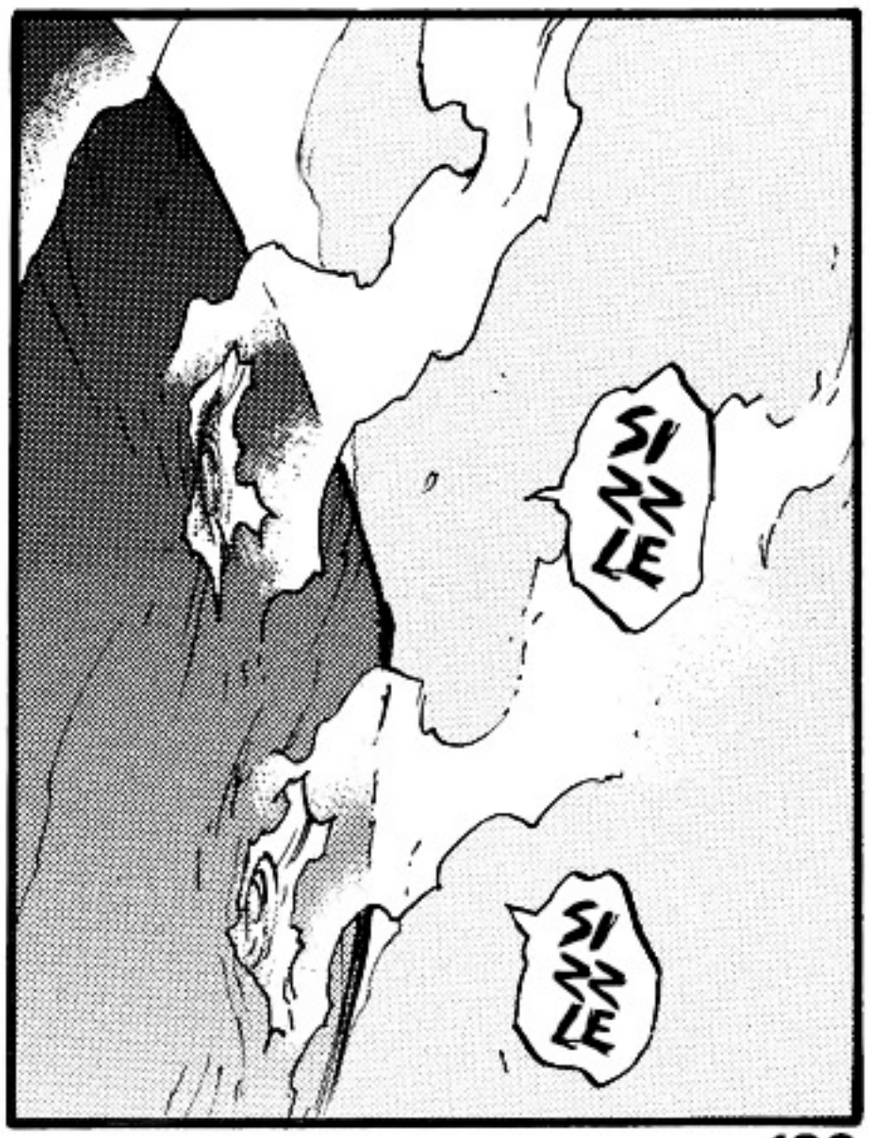


STRANGE...

I'VE SHOT HIM SO MANY TIMES...

...AND YET IT FEELS LIKE...
...I CAN'T STOP HIM.

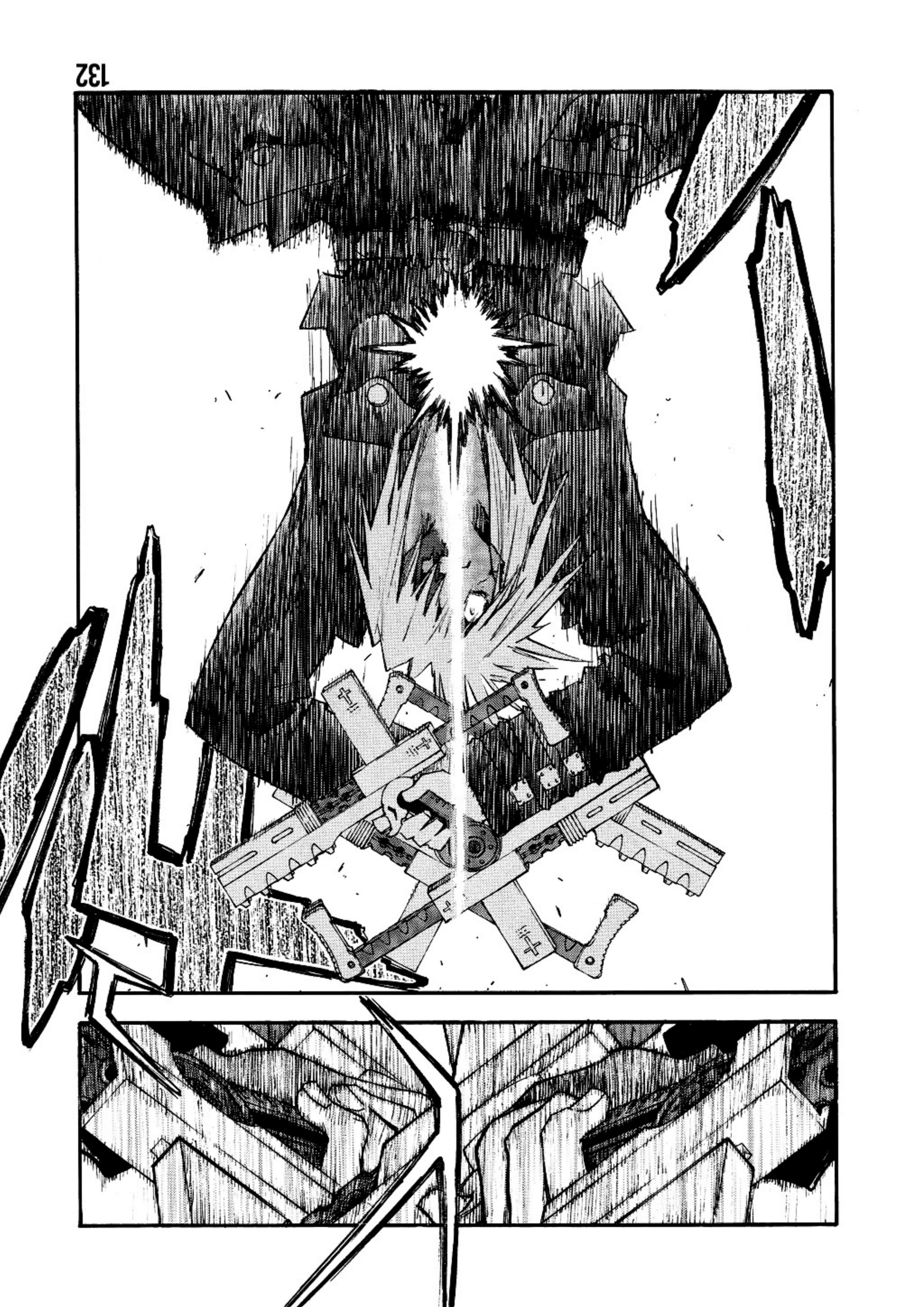


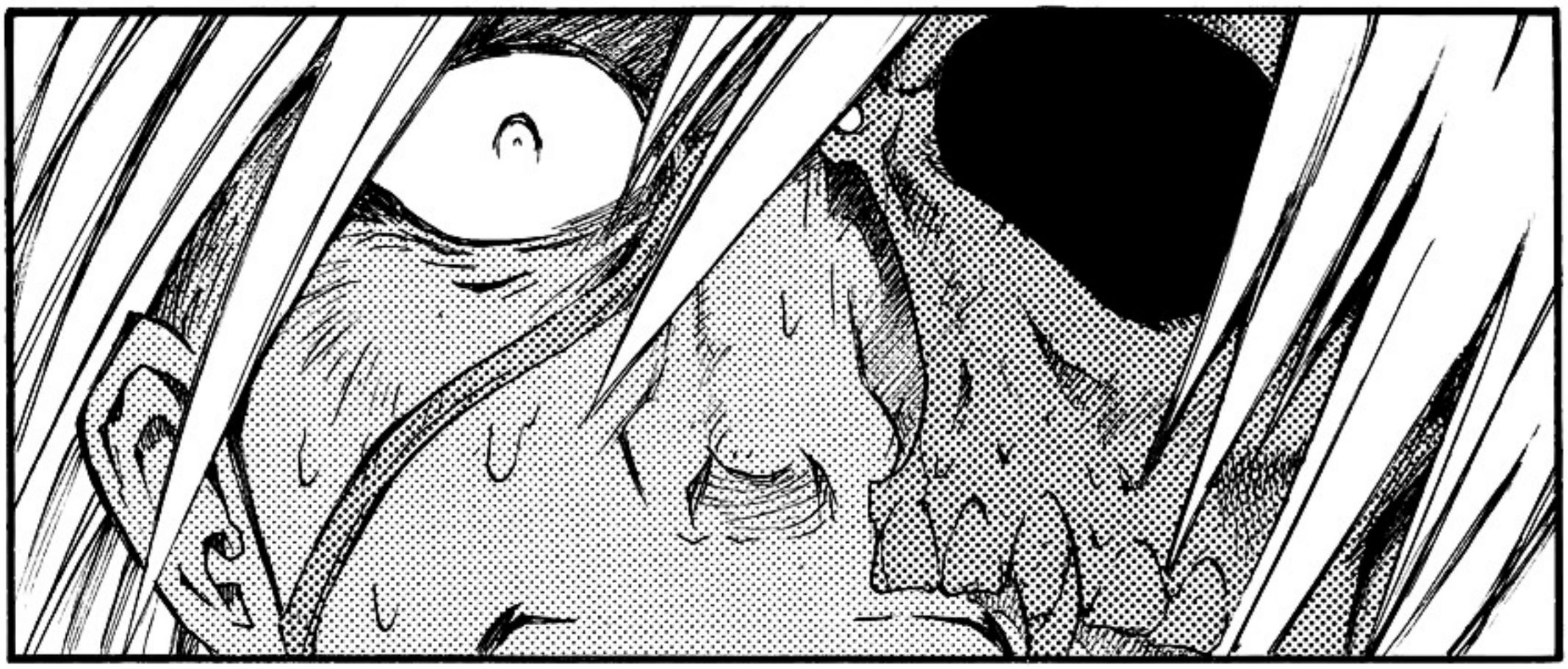

SIZZLE
SIZZLE

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
DELIVER HIM TO HIS DEATH!
LIVIO THE DOUBLE-FANG!

RAAA

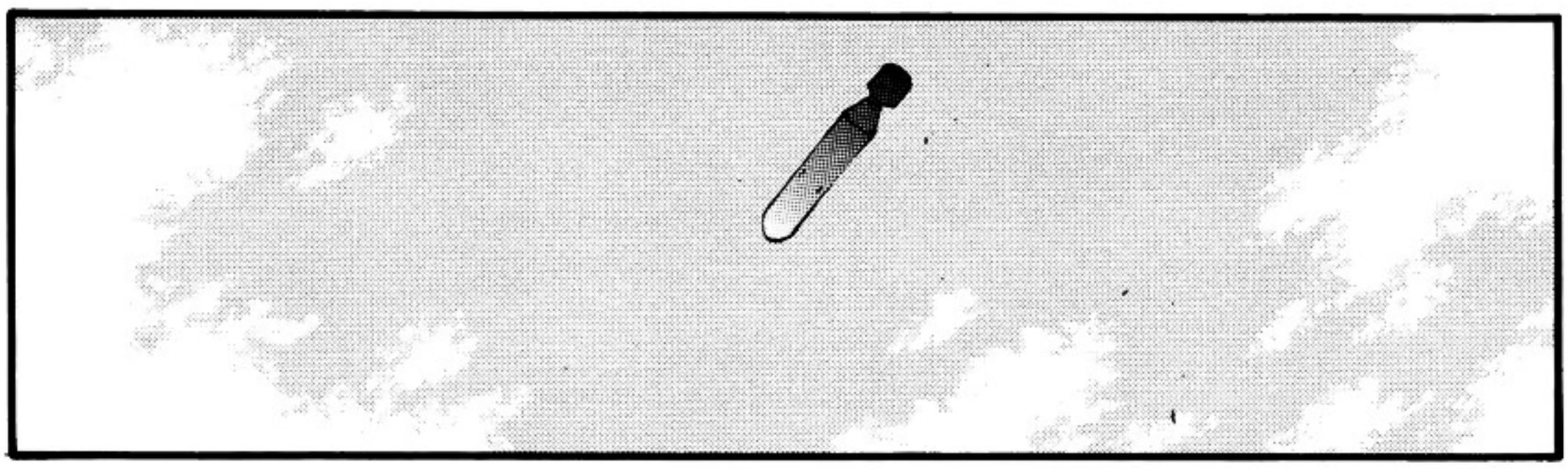
AAA
AAA
HH!
AA
AAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAA!!





WHAT?!

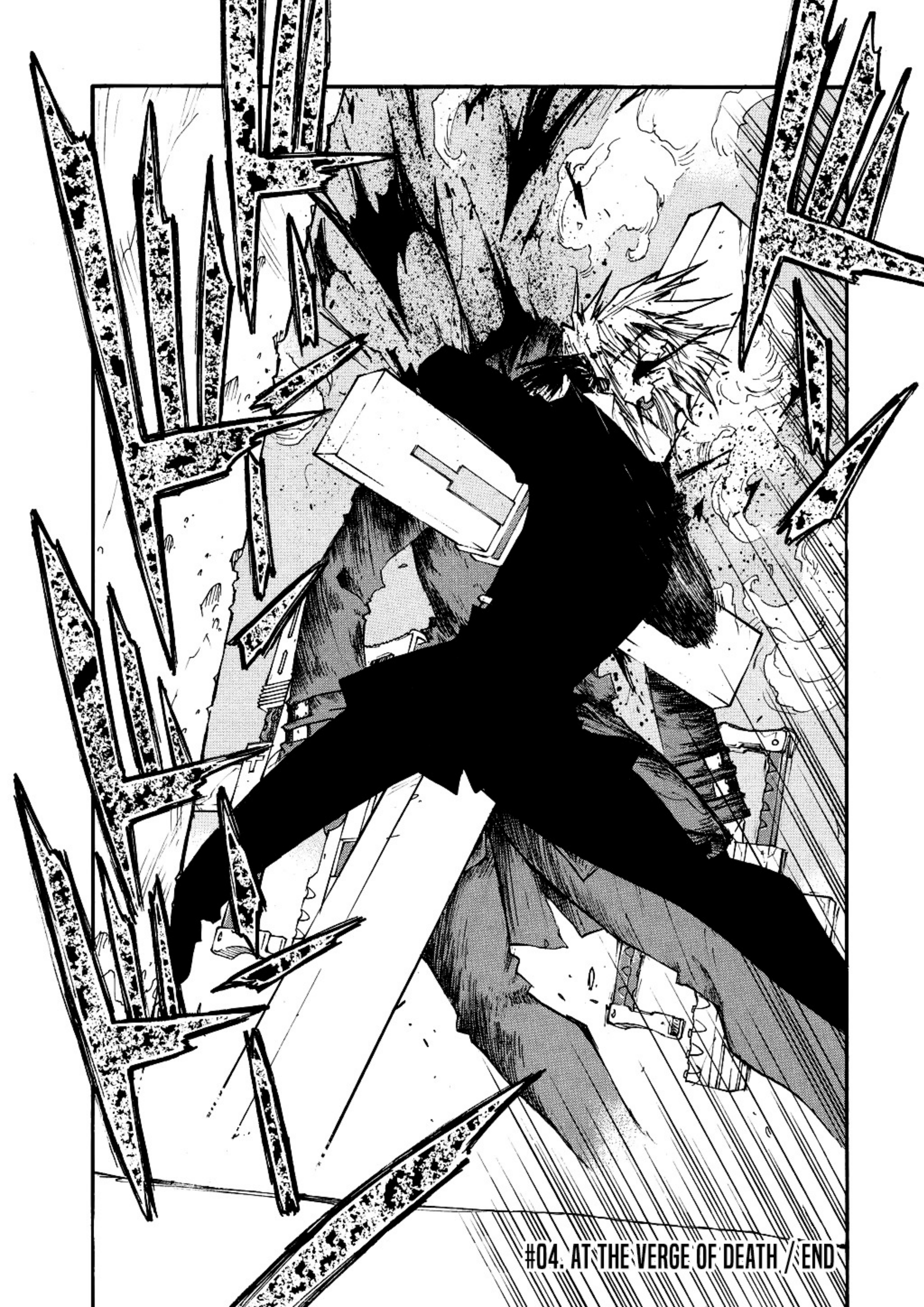
WHAT IS HE DOING?!



IF IT HAD EXPLODED AT THIS DISTANCE...

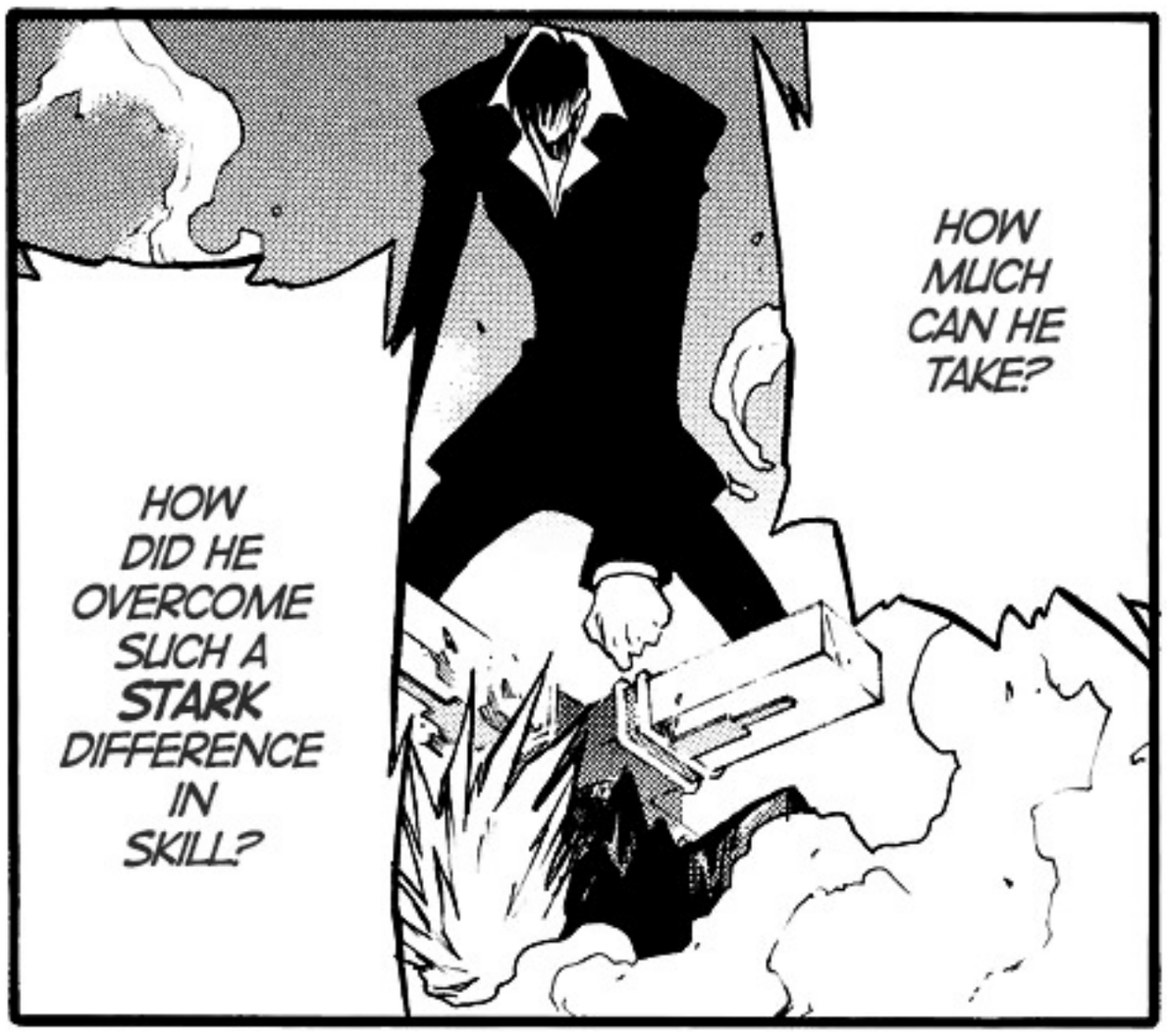
...WE WOULD BOTH BE DEAD!

UGH!
AH!
PLEASE, SURVIVE...
...LIVIO.
STRAIGHT THROUGH THE HEART...

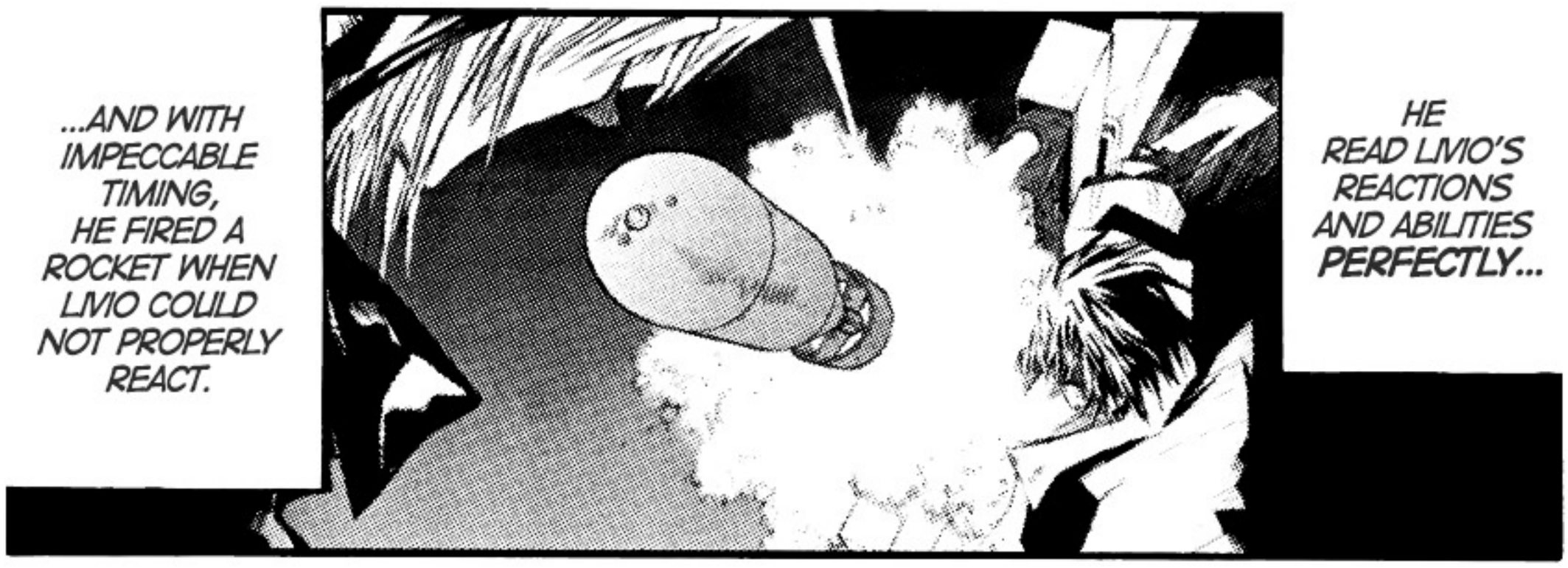

#04. AT THE VERGE OF DEATH / END

TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH

#05. DEMON

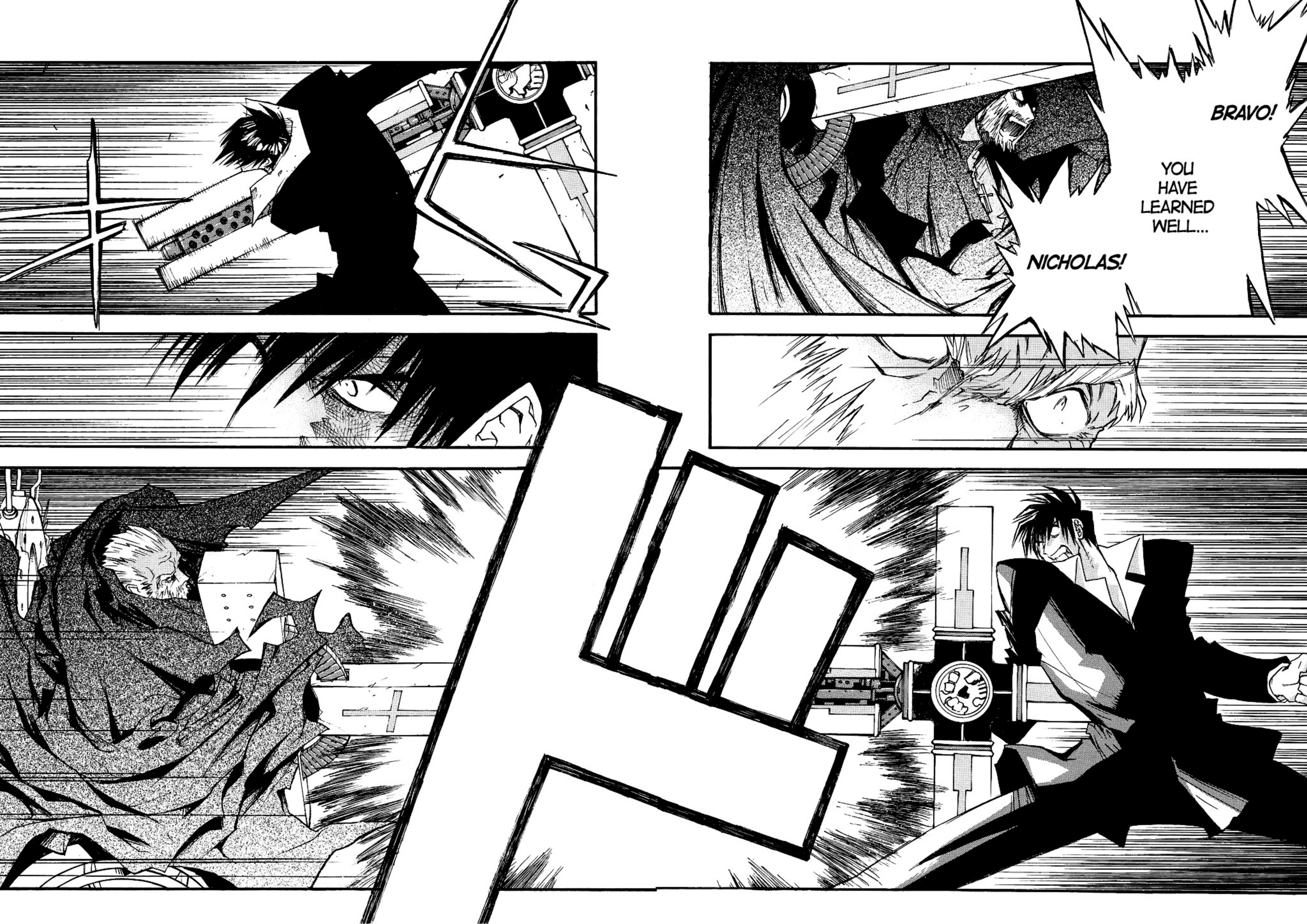

HOW MUCH CAN HE TAKE?
HOW DID HE OVERCOME SUCH A STARK DIFFERENCE IN SKILL?

...!
HOW ...?!


...AND WITH IMPECCABLE TIMING, HE FIRED A ROCKET WHEN LIVIO COULD NOT PROPERLY REACT.
HE READ LIVIO'S REACTIONS AND ABILITIES PERFECTLY...

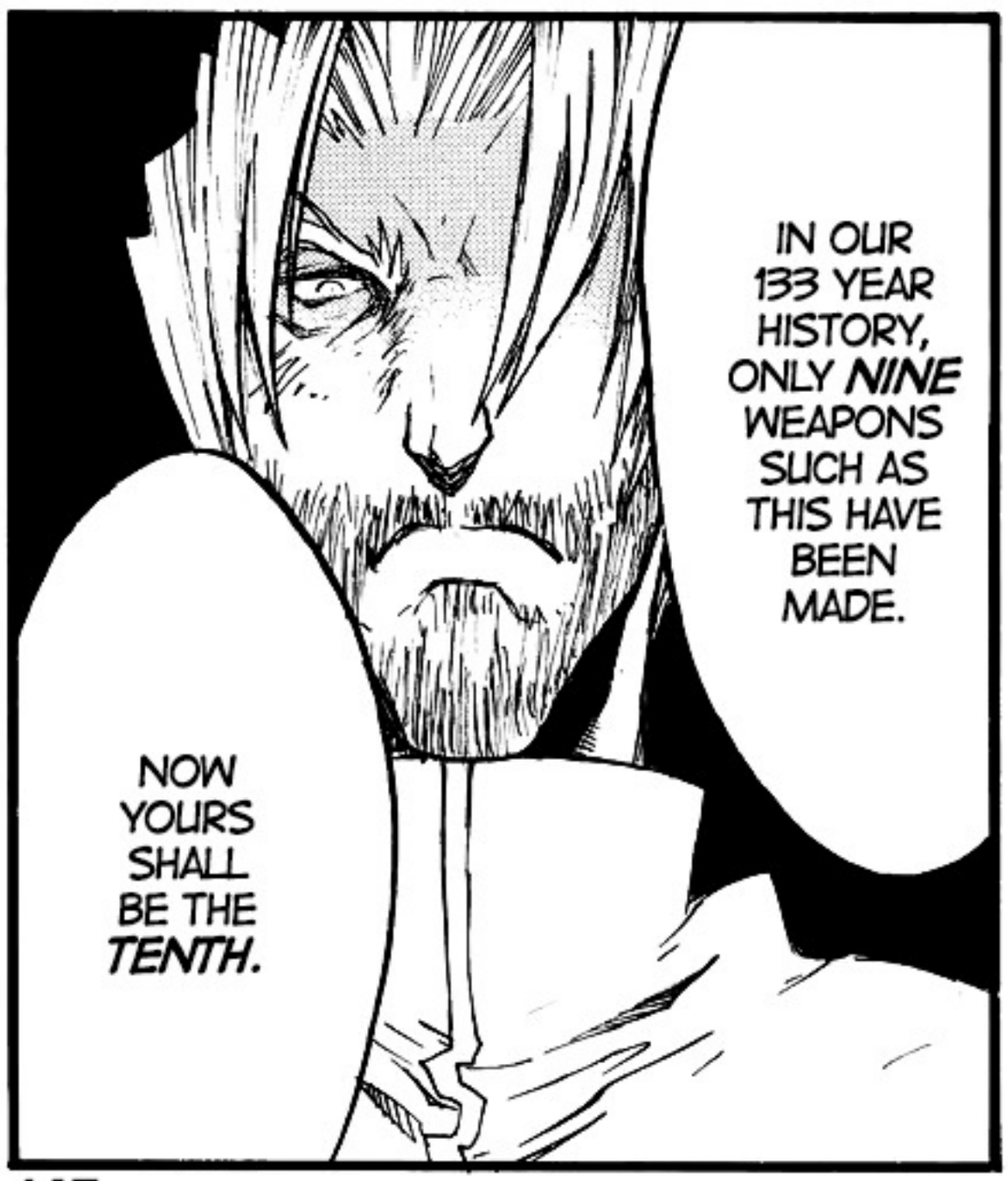
THAT IS AN EXCEP-TIONAL FIGHTING INSTINCT.
IT CAN NOT BE FROM COMBAT EXPERIENCE ALONE.
HE TOOK A RISKY SHOT, KNOWING THAT HE COULD HAVE GONE DOWN WITH HIS ENEMY.

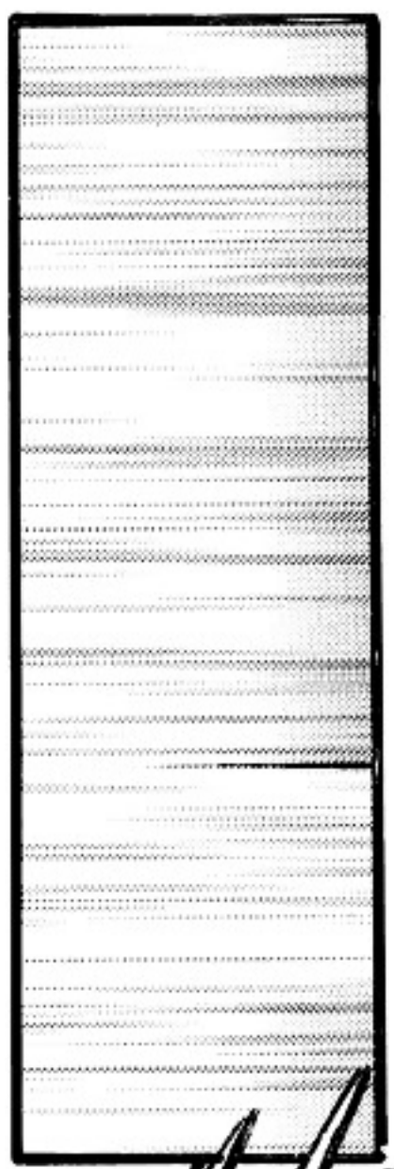
HEH.
HA HA HA!


BRAVO!
YOU HAVE LEARNED WELL...
NICHOLAS!

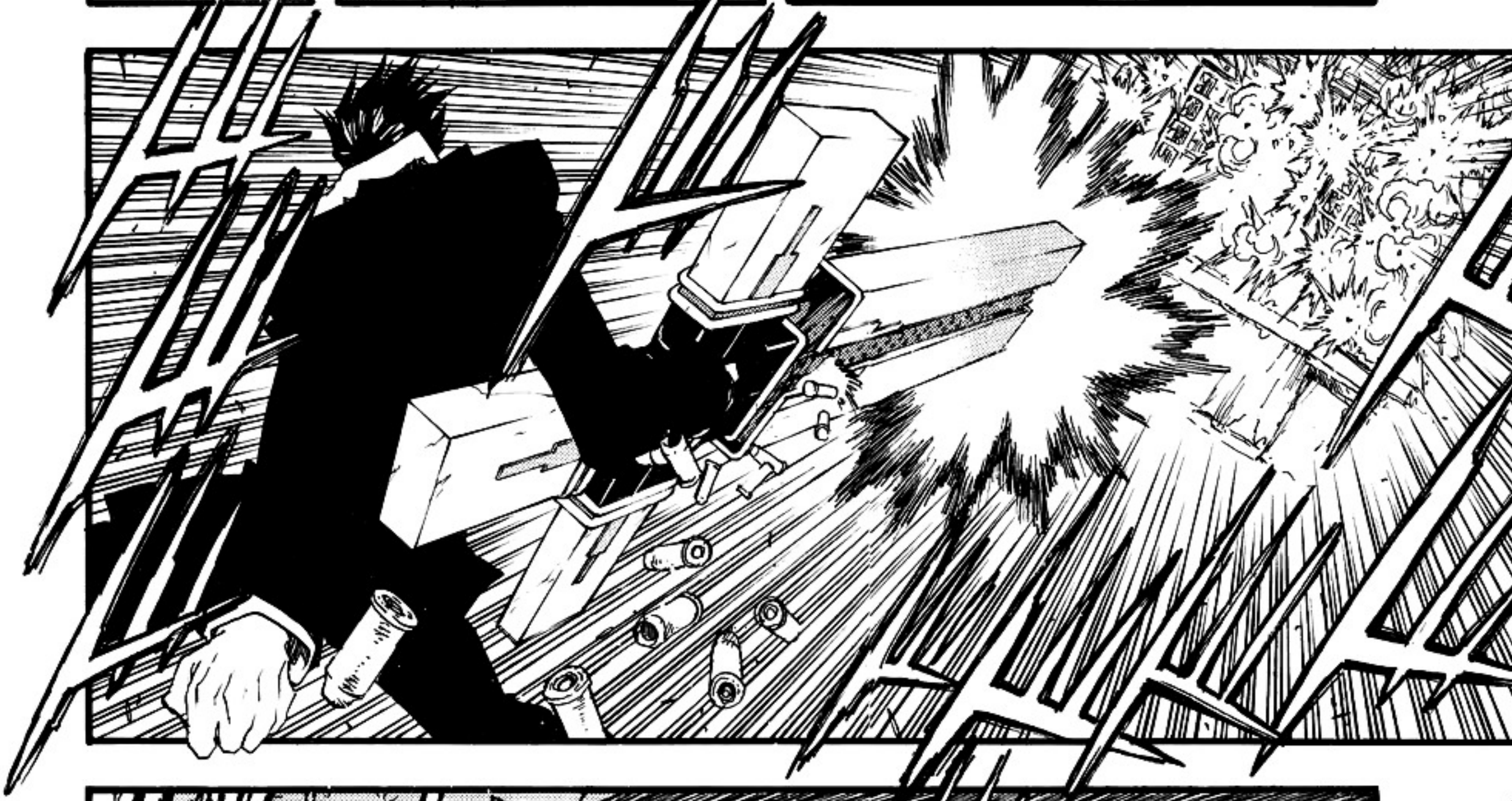
THIS IS FOR YOU. YOUR WEA-PON.
TAKE IT.

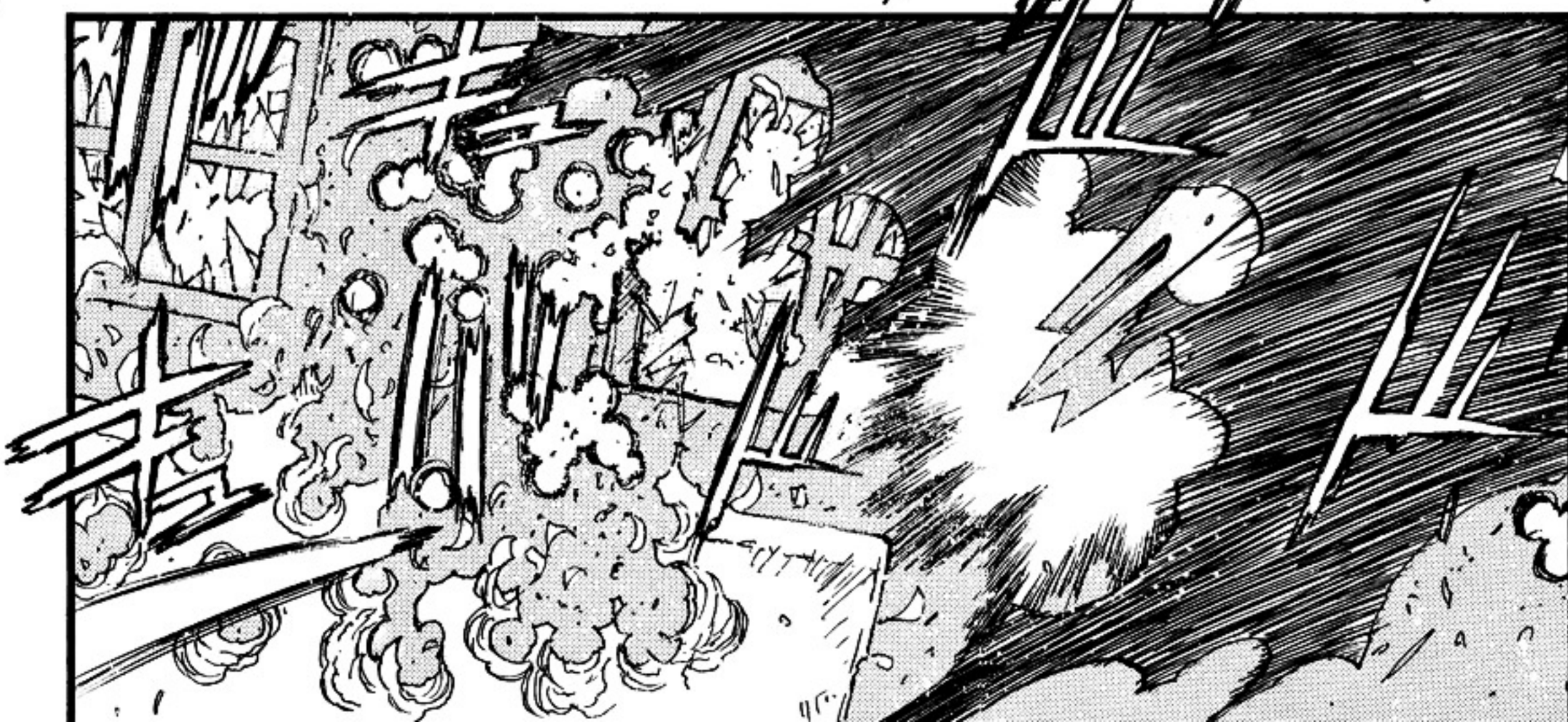
REJOICE, NICHOLAS.
YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE EYE OF MICHAEL'S *HIGHEST* HONOR.

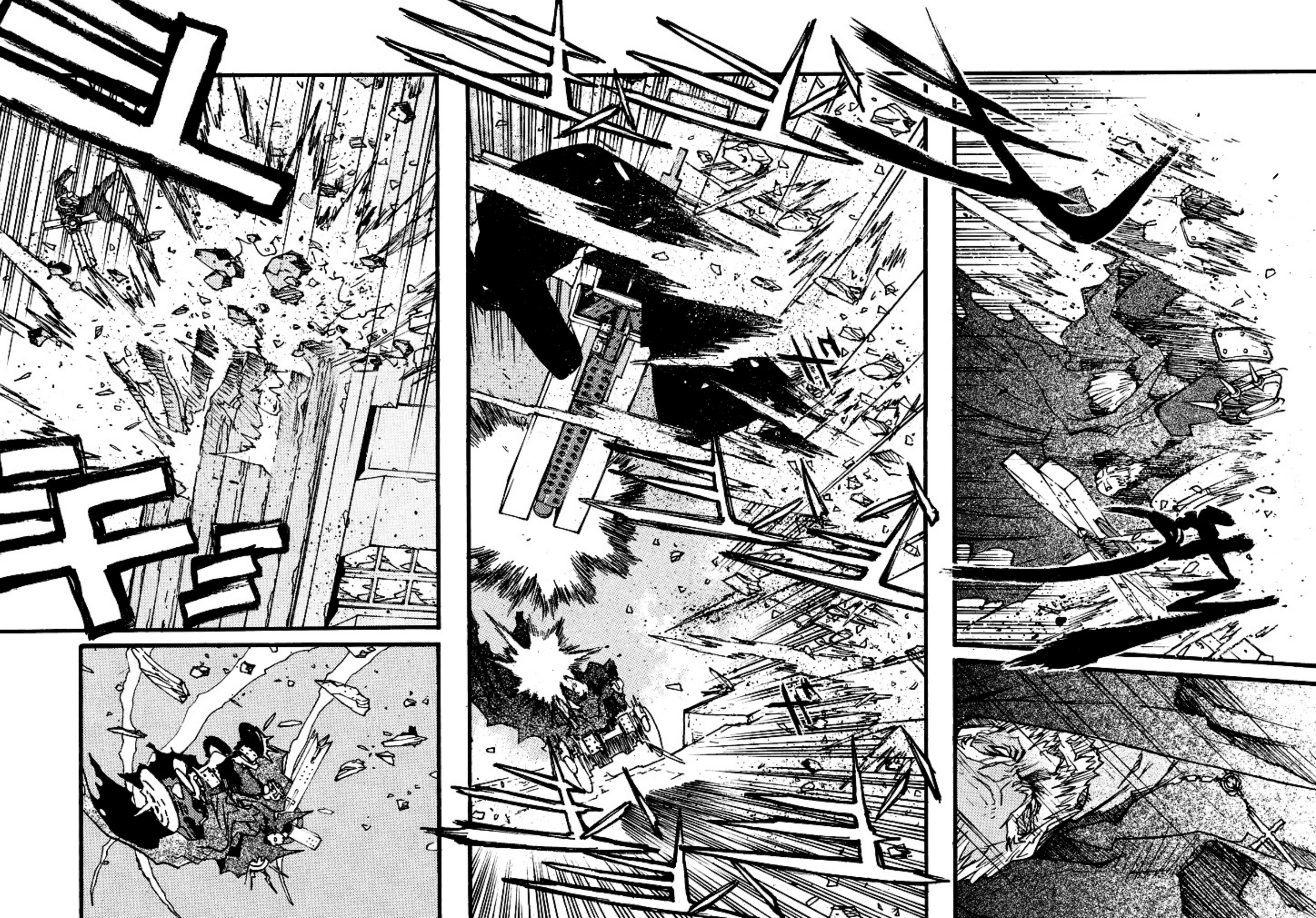

IN OUR 133 YEAR HISTORY, ONLY *NINE* WEAPONS SUCH AS THIS HAVE BEEN MADE.
NOW YOURS SHALL BE THE *TENTH.*



IT IS CALLED A PUNISHER. THE NAME IS SACRED.
YOU MUST STRIVE TO DO IT JUSTICE.

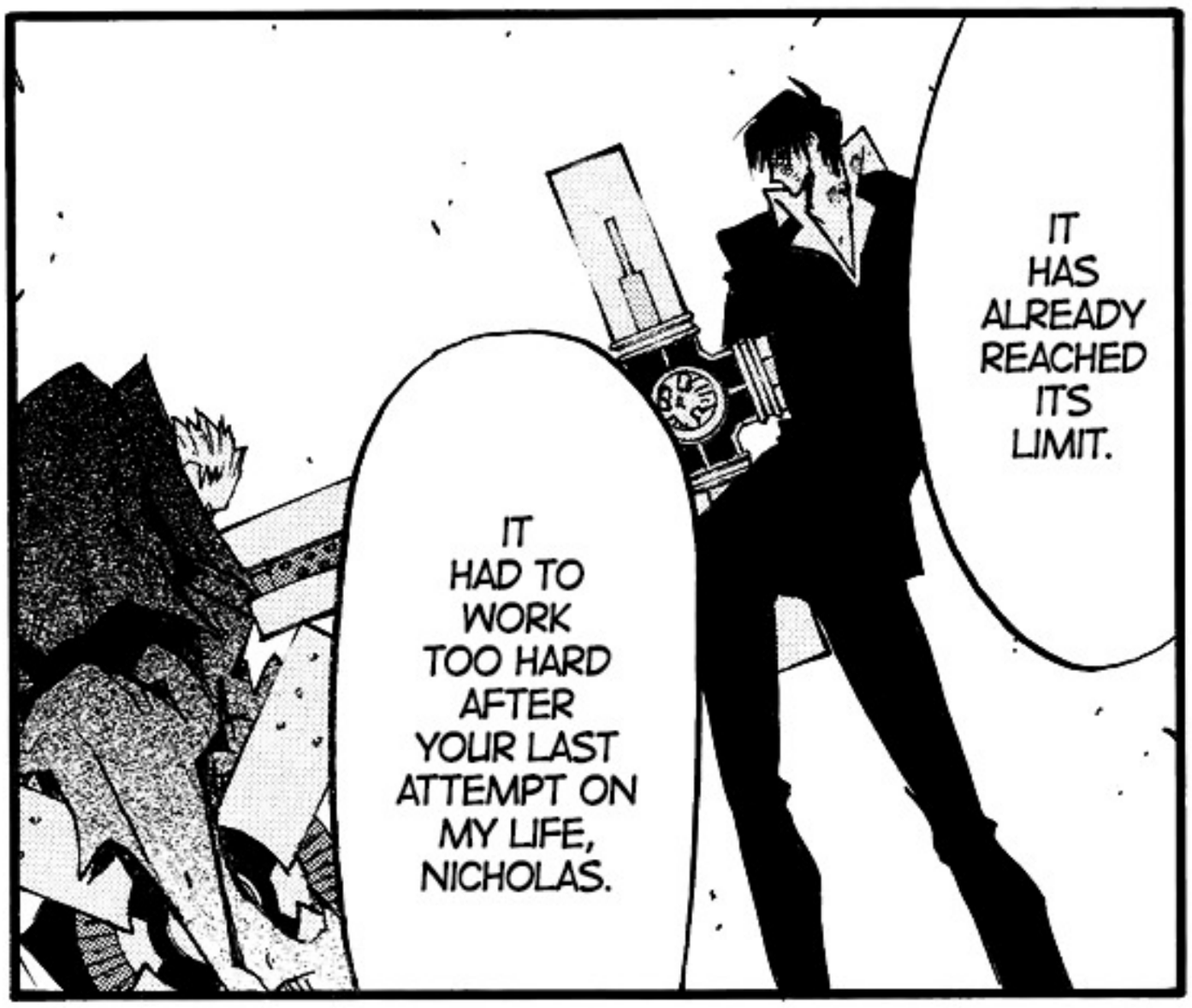


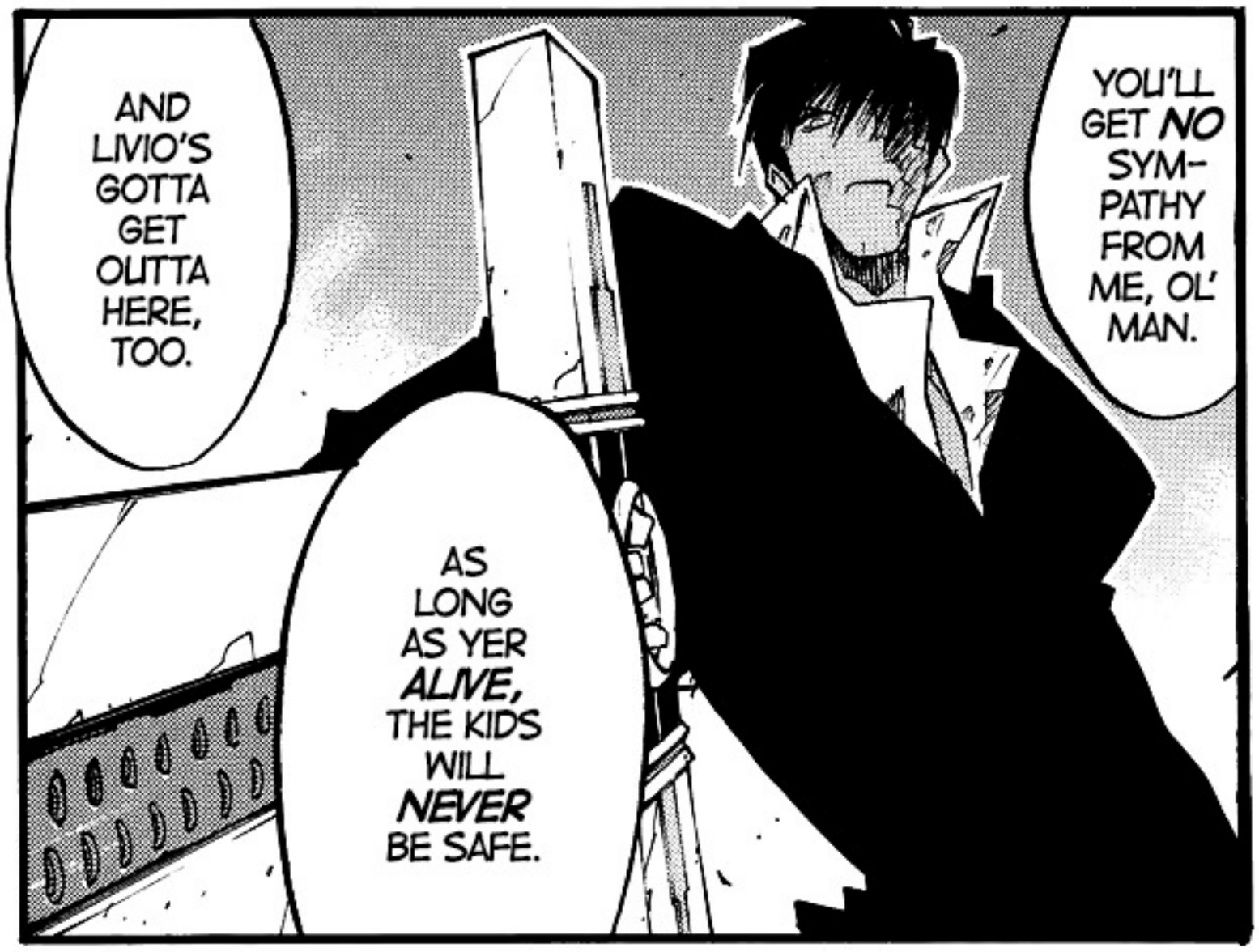


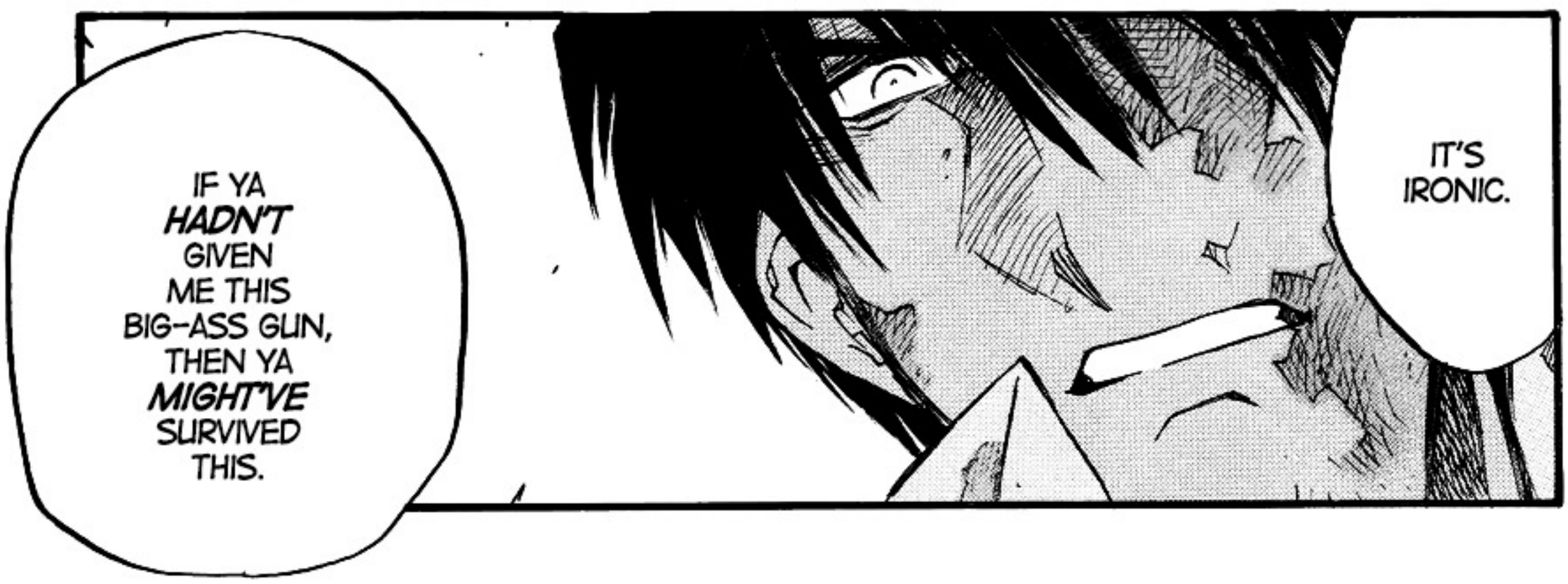


HAH HAH...
LOOKS LIKE FORTUNE HAS TURNED AGAINST ME.
WHAT'S WRONG?
NOT GONNA USE A VIAL?

MY BODY...
...CAN NOT HANDLE ANOTHER DOSE.

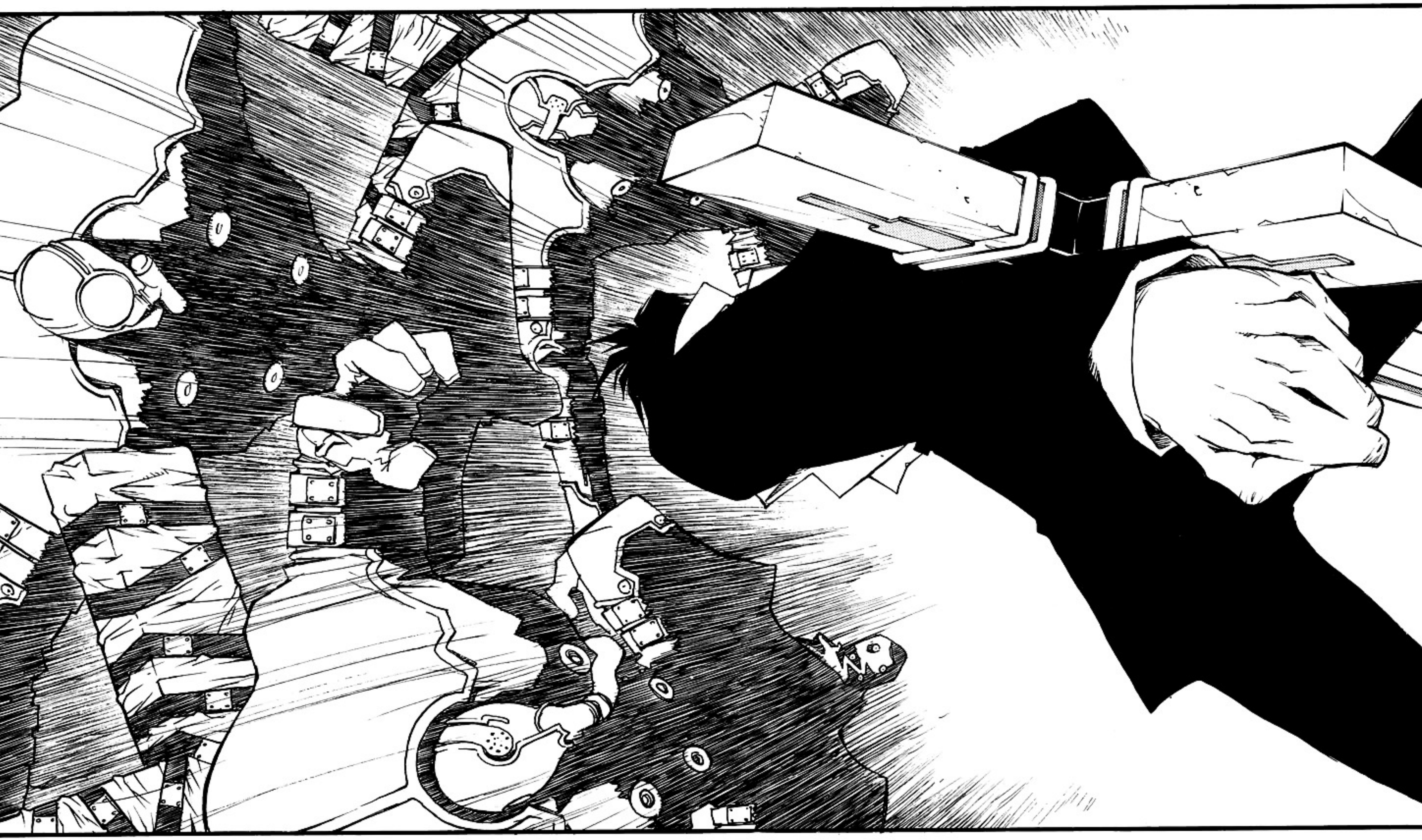

IT HAS ALREADY REACHED ITS LIMIT.
IT HAD TO WORK TOO HARD AFTER YOUR LAST ATTEMPT ON MY LIFE, NICHOLAS.

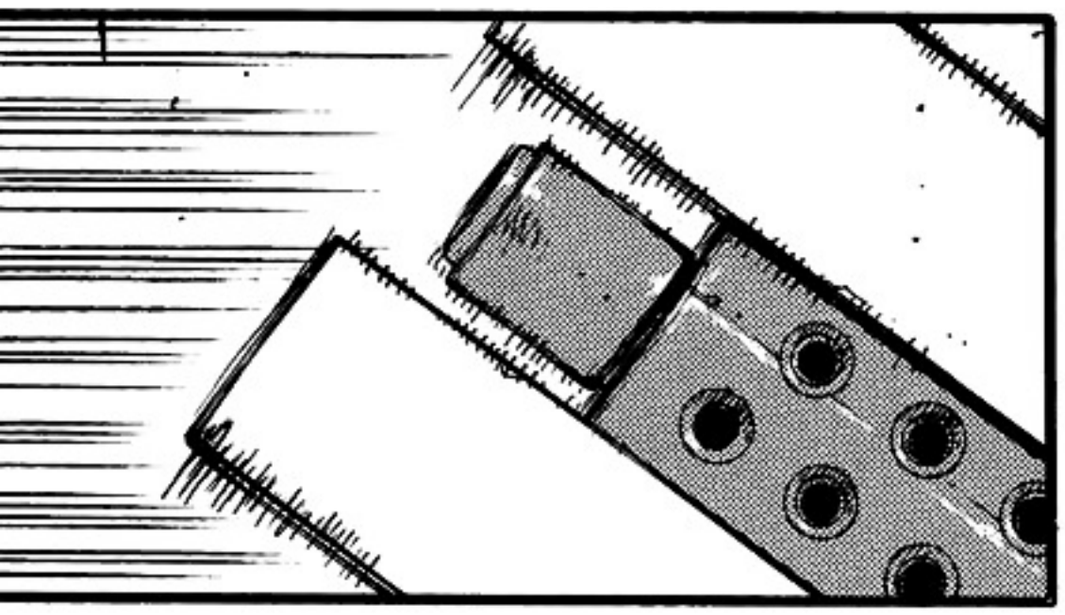

AND LIVIO'S GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE, TOO.
YOU'LL GET *NO* SYM-PATHY FROM ME, OL' MAN.
AS LONG AS YER *ALIVE,* THE KIDS WILL *NEVER* BE SAFE.


IT'S IRONIC.
IF YA *HADN'T* GIVEN ME THIS BIG-ASS GUN, THEN YA *MIGHT'VE* SURVIVED THIS.

IT TRULY IS...
...A POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE WEAPON.
THOSE ARE...
SHIT...
...
...

JUST HOW MANY MEN DID YA BRING?
YOU ARE MISTAKEN...
...IT WOULD BE...
...TO ONE MAN...
THEY DO NOT BOW TO ME.
IF THEY KNEEL TO ANY-ONE...
...AND ONE MAN ONLY.





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WHA-?!
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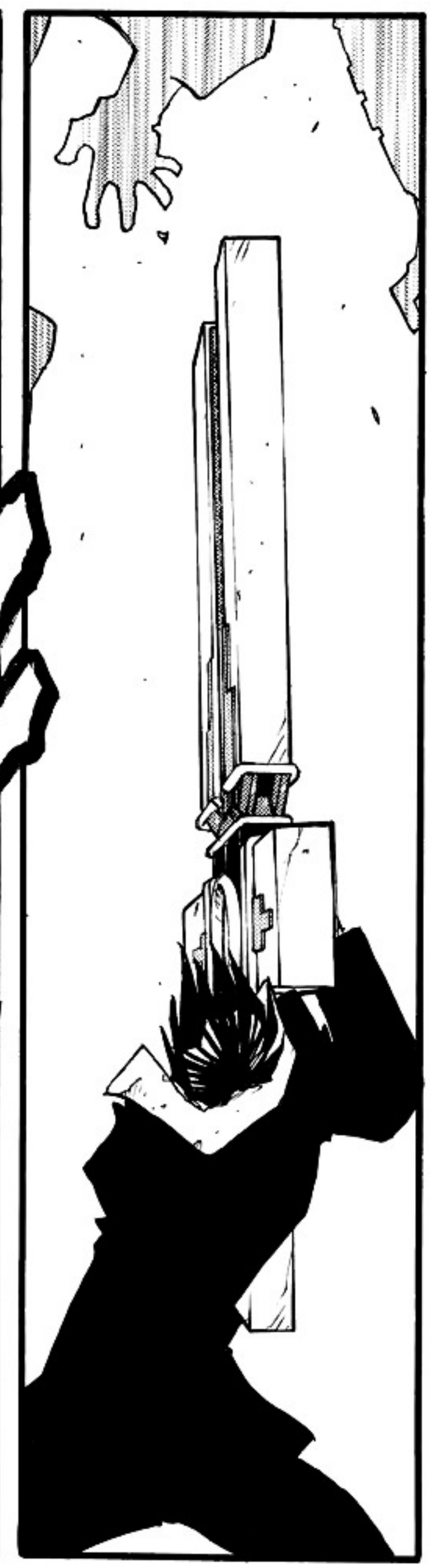
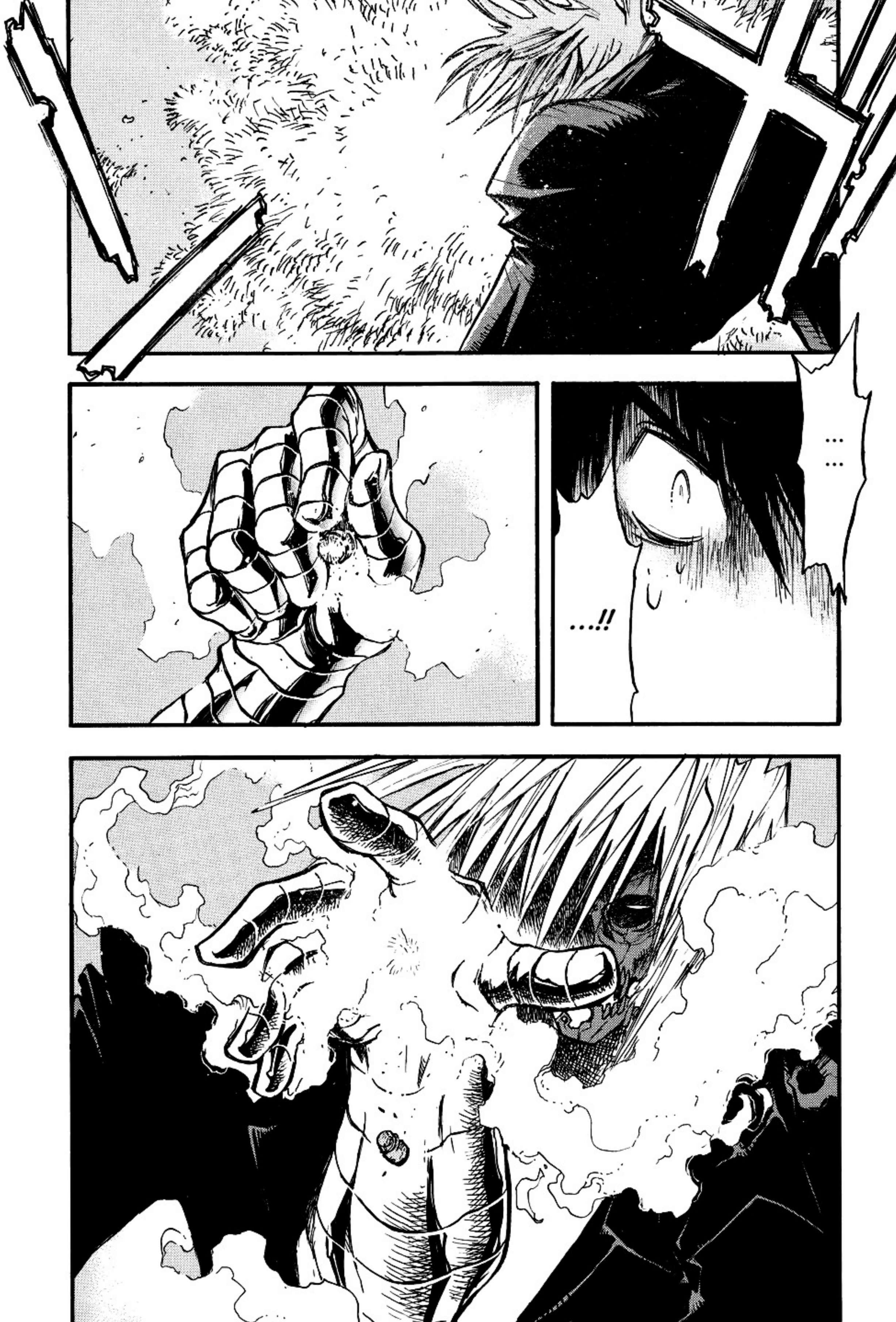
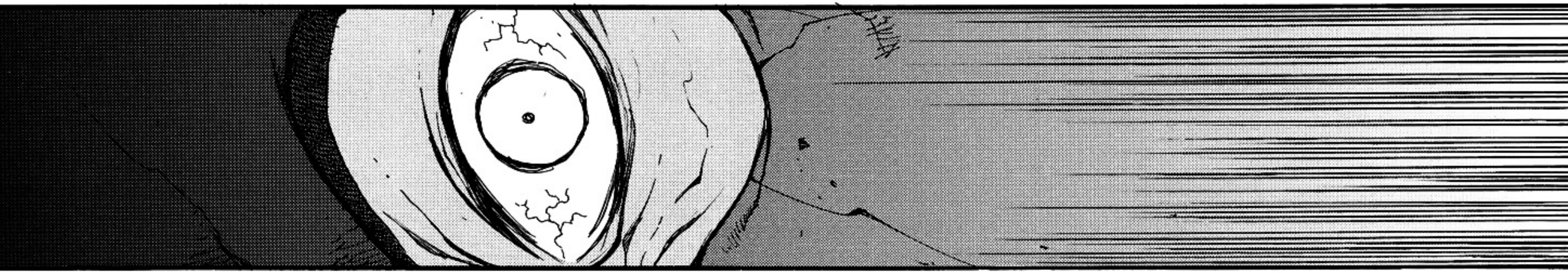
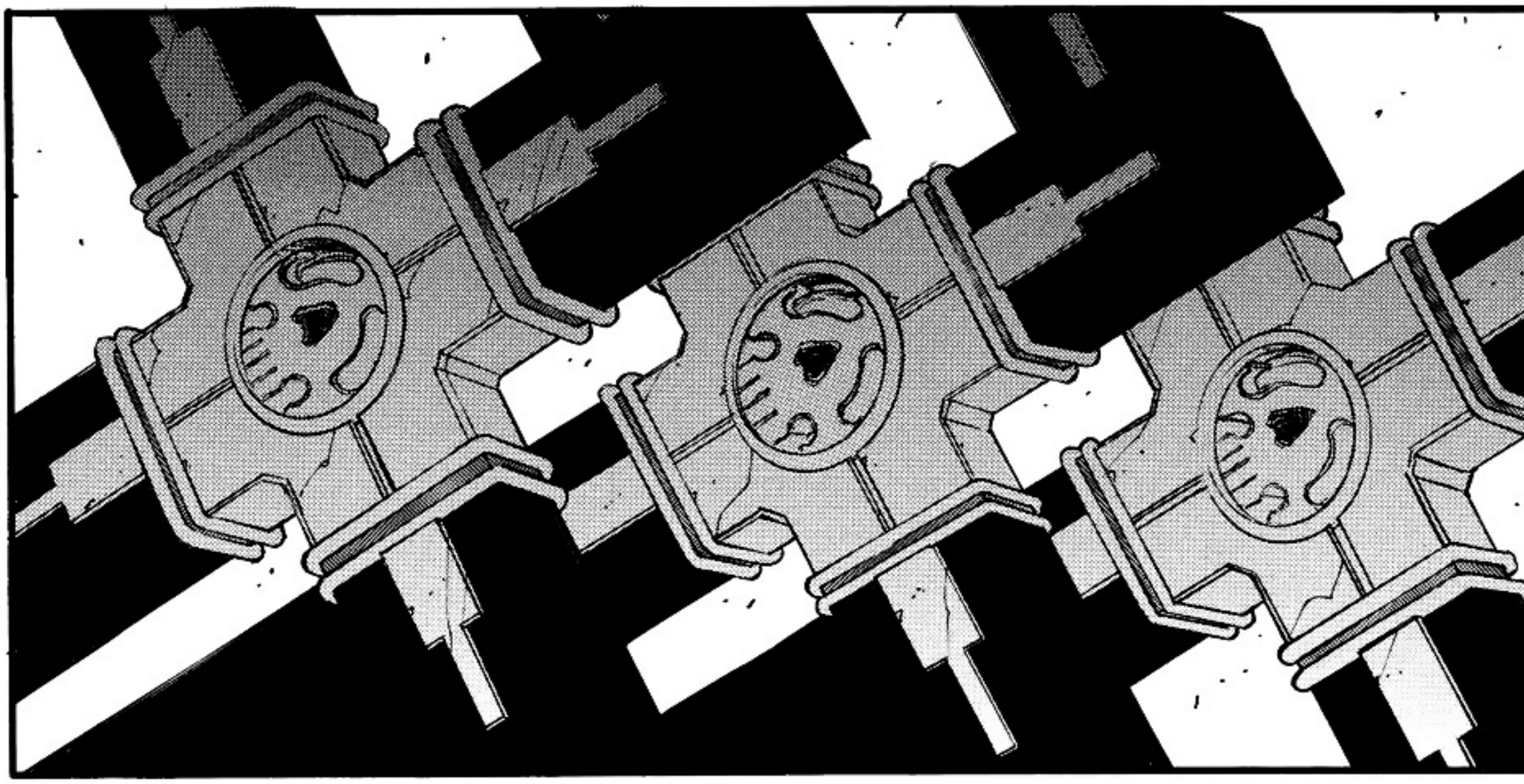


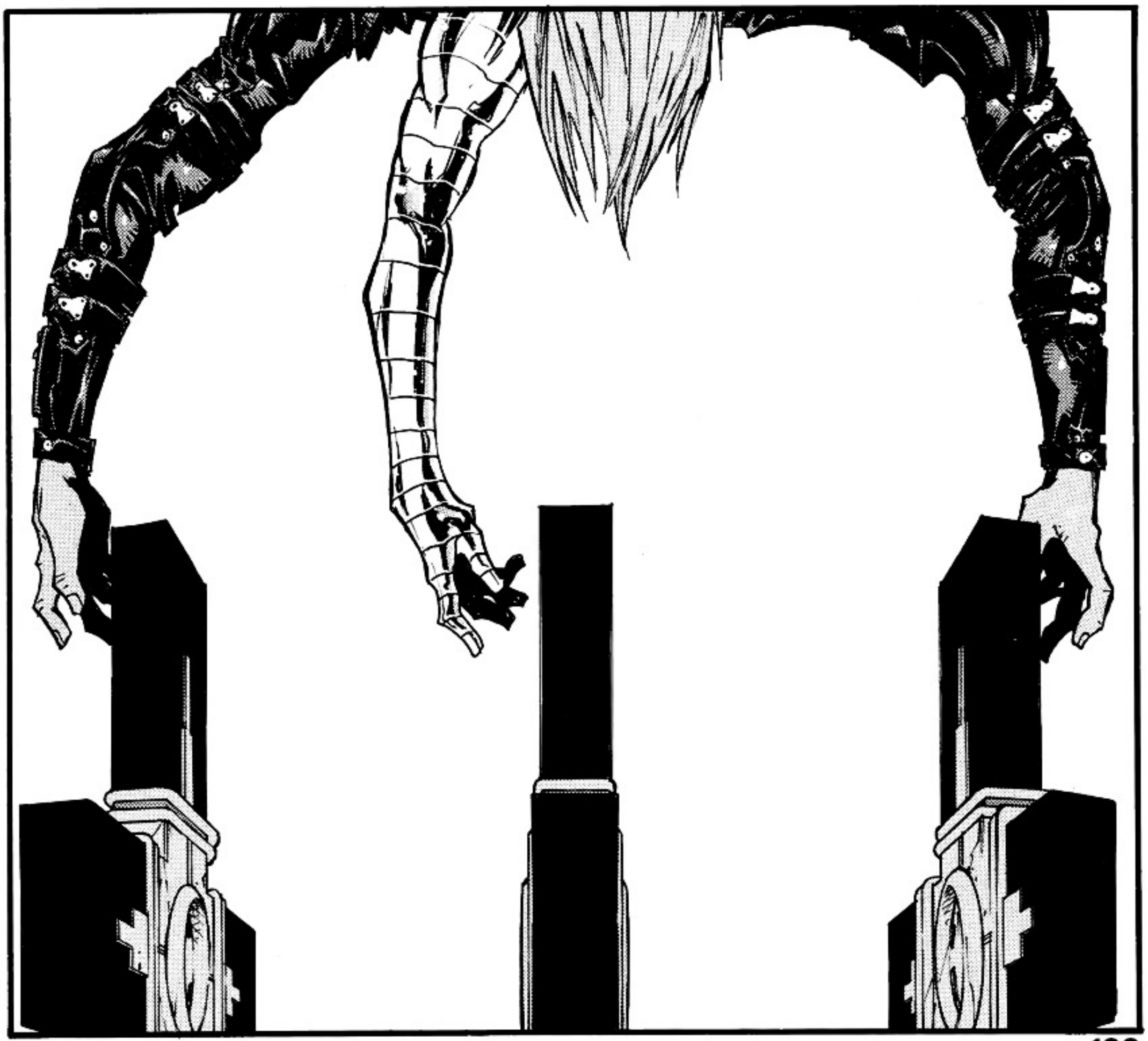
LIVIO...
NO WAIT ...
IT'S NOT HIM!

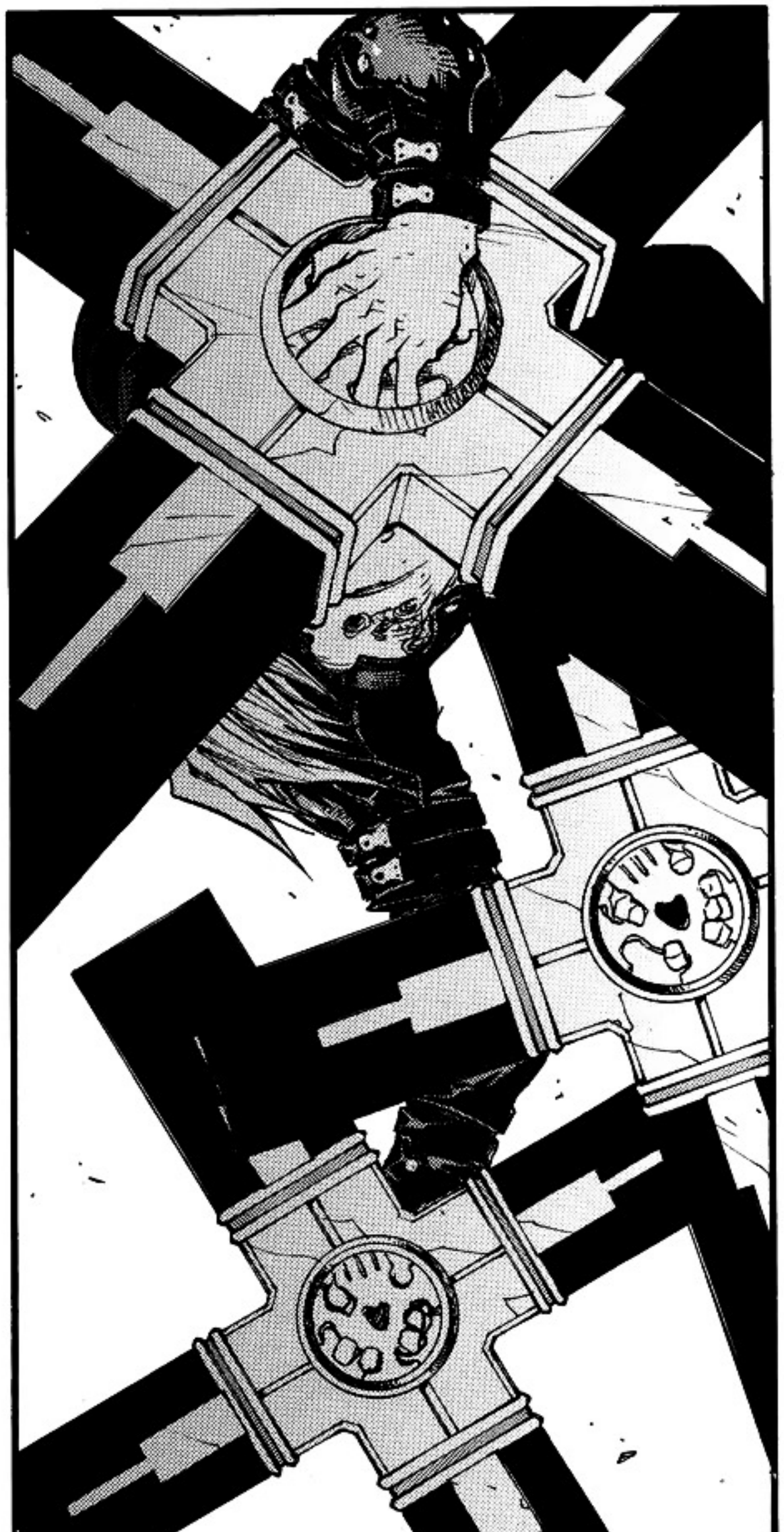
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

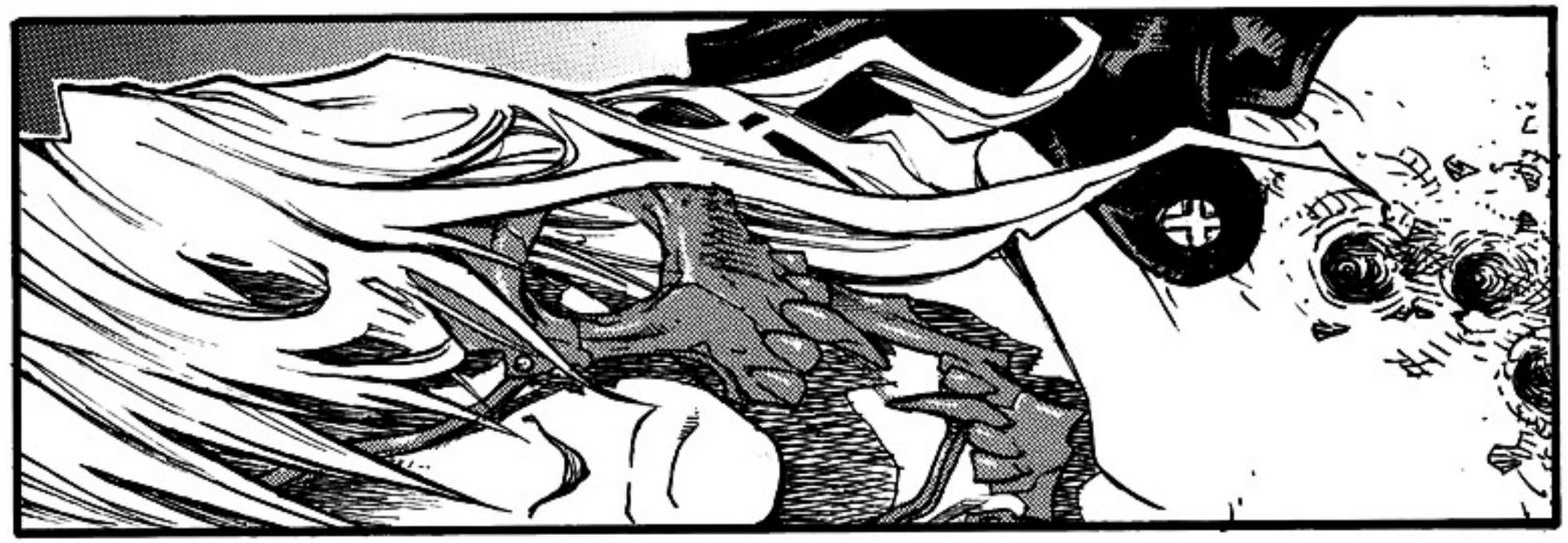


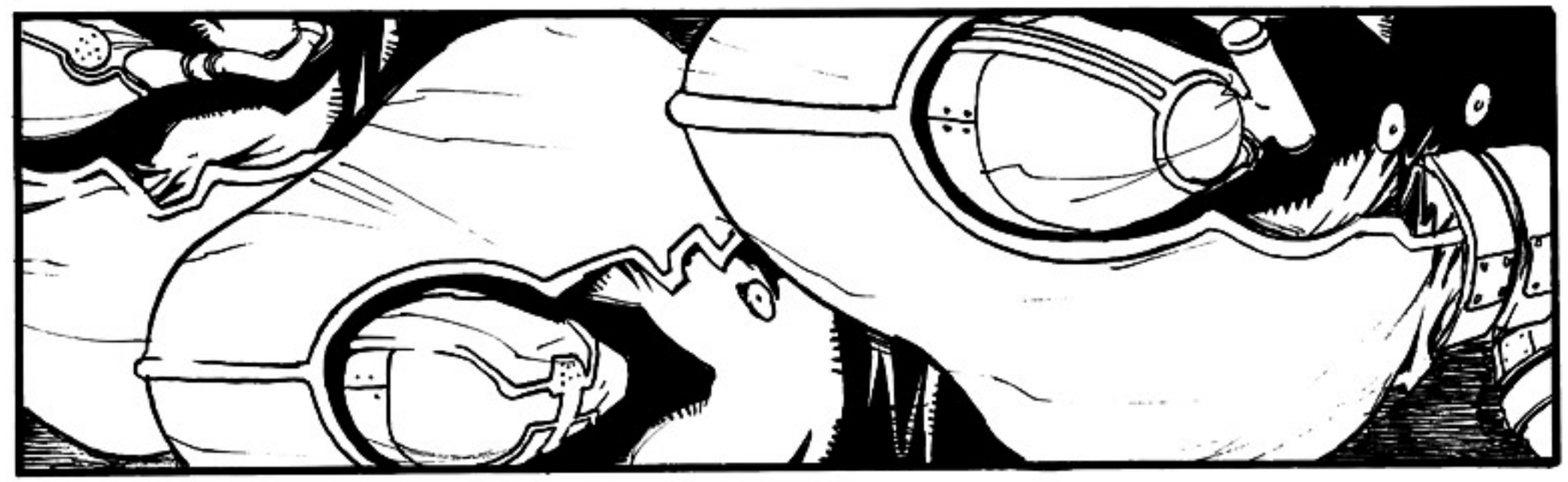


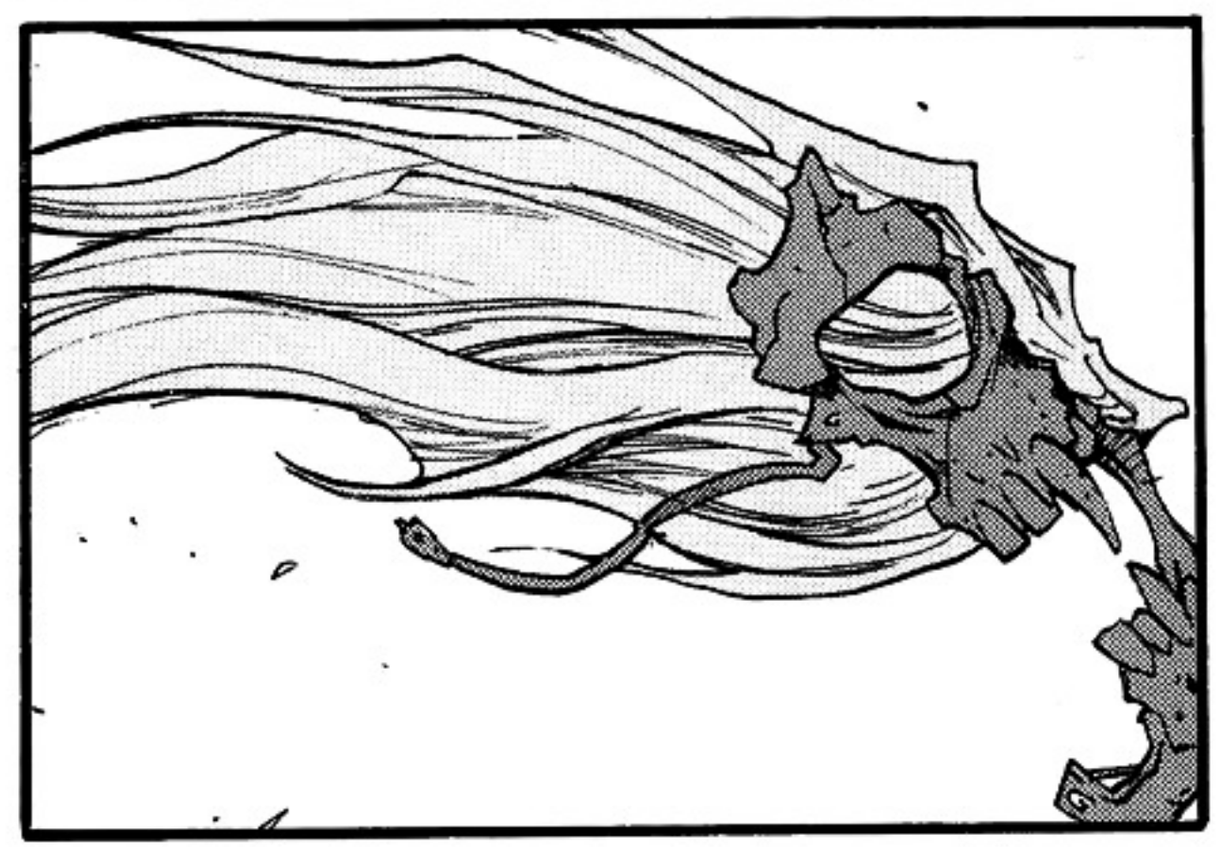


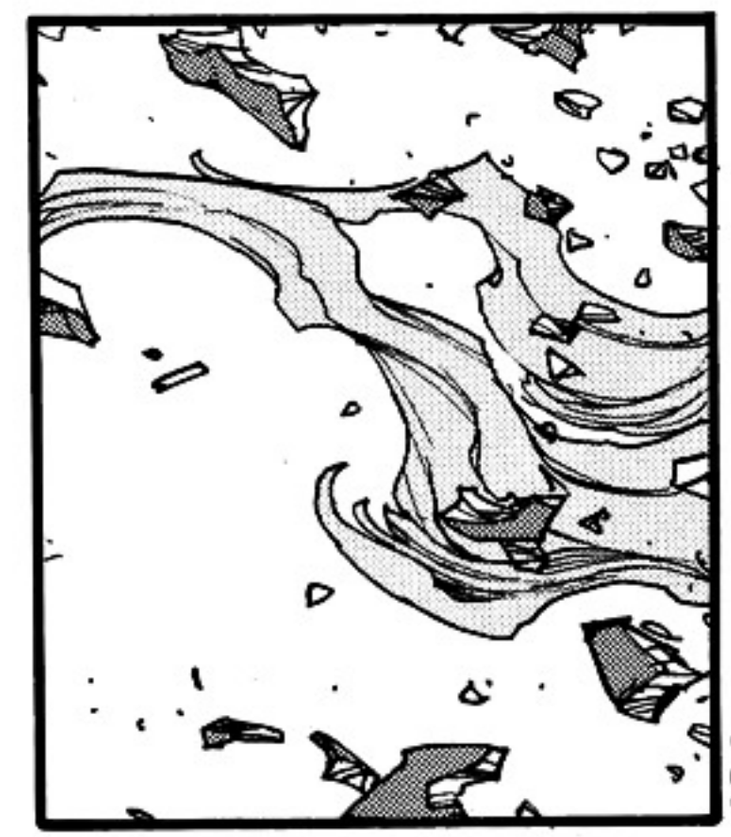


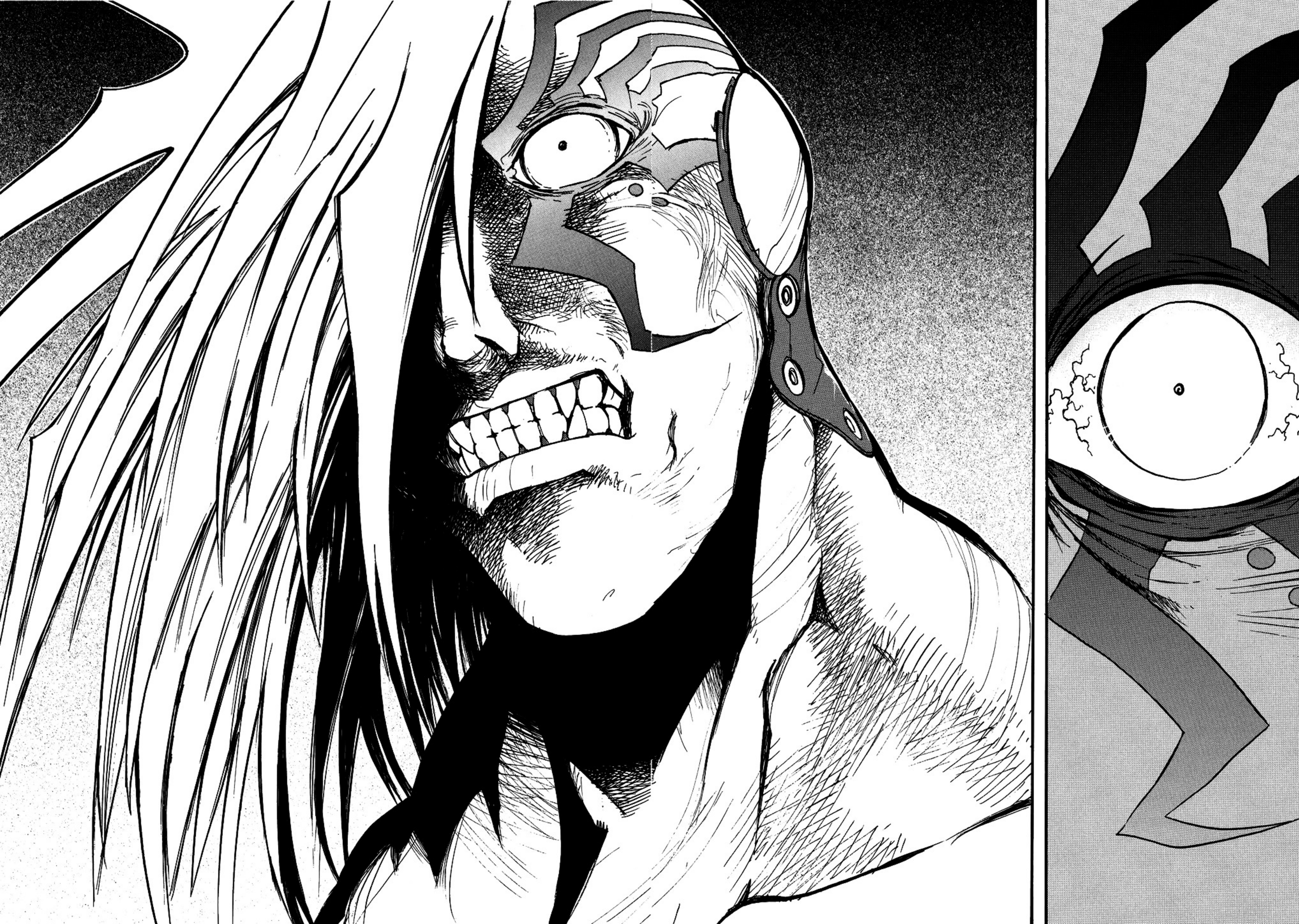


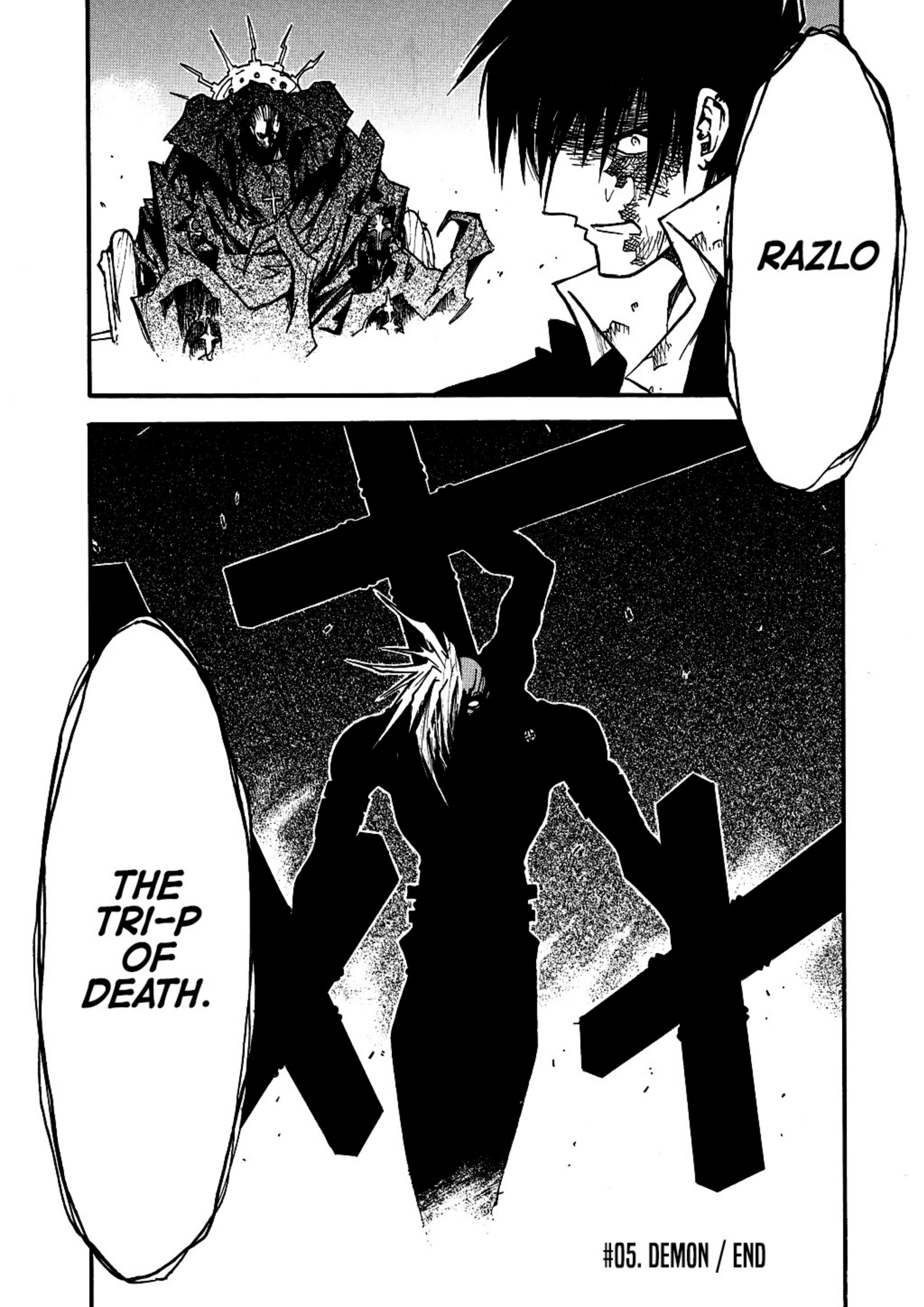










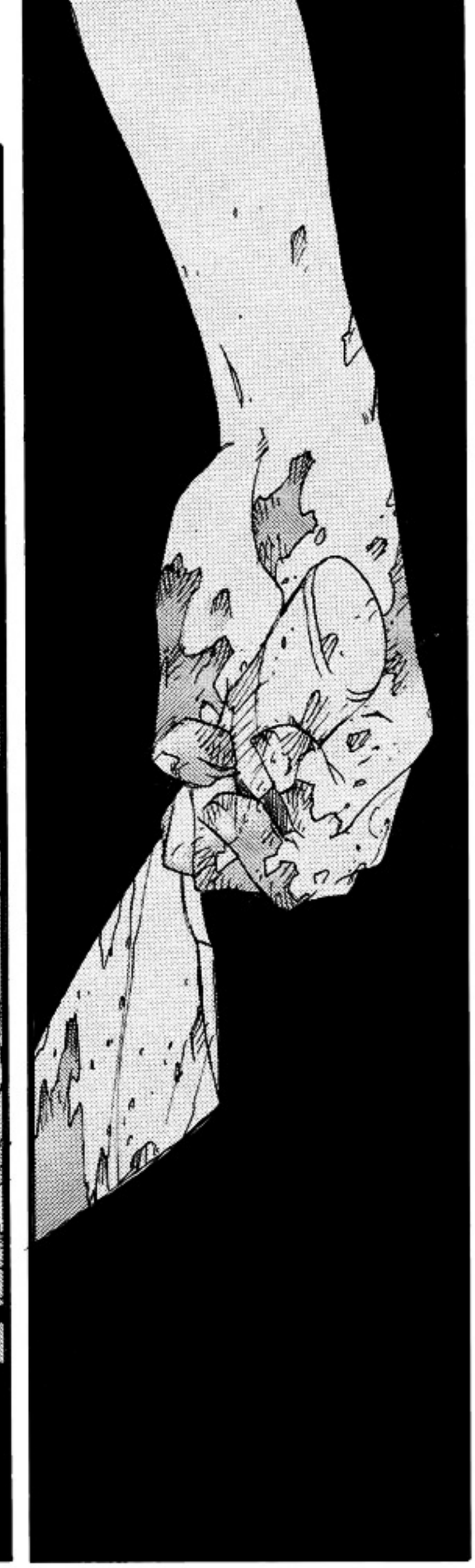

RAZLO
THE TRI-P OF DEATH.
#05. DEMON / END

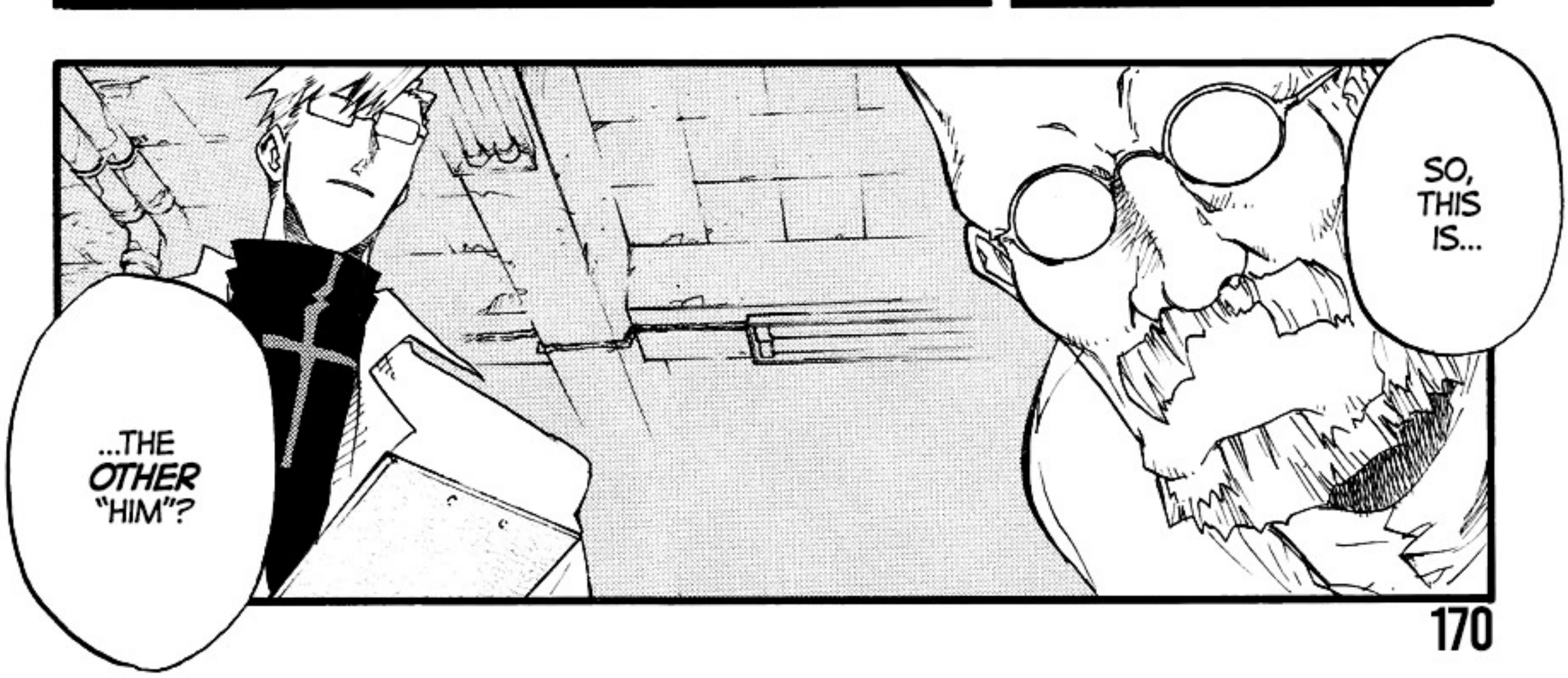
TRIGUN MAXIMUM

YASUHIRO NIGHTOW

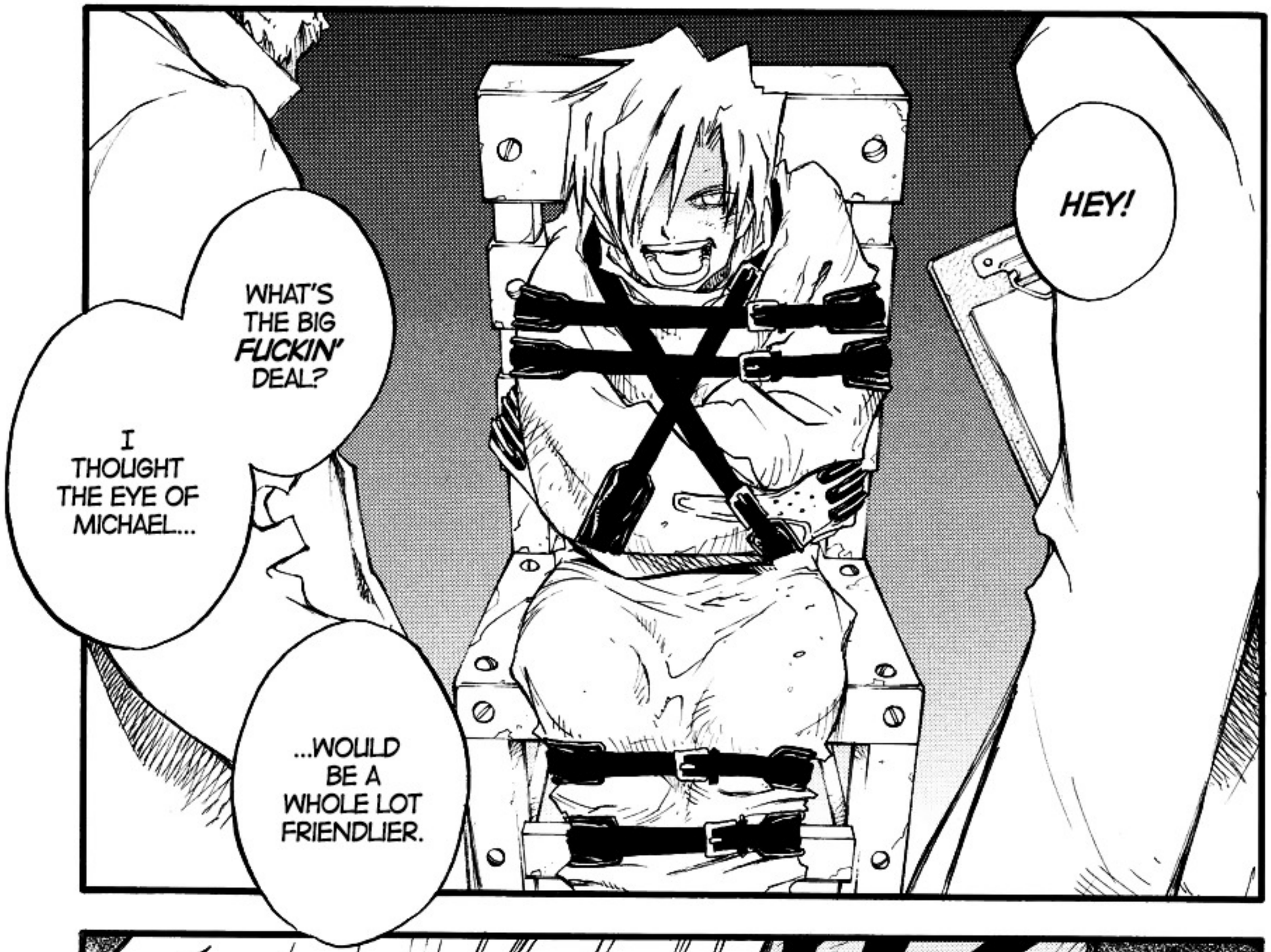
DEEP SPACE PLANET FUTURE GUN ACTION!!

IT HURTS!
IT HURTS.
DAD! PLEASE! STOP!
DESPITE HIS ENDLESS SUFFERING AND HOPELESS-NESS...
...HE FINDS A WAY TO ESCAPE.
THERE IS A CHILD WHO IS BEING ABUSED.
HE SPENDS EVERY DAY IN AN INESCAPABLE WORLD OF VIOLENCE AND FEAR.
MOM! HELP ME!
MOM...
HE CREATES AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PERSON WITHIN HIMSELF...
...AND PRETENDS IT IS THE OTHER POOR CHILD THAT IS STUCK IN THAT TERRIBLE SITUATION.




SO, THIS IS...
...THE OTHER "HIM"?

CORRECT.


HEY!
WHAT'S THE BIG FUCKIN' DEAL?
I THOUGHT THE EYE OF MICHAEL...
...WOULD BE A WHOLE LOT FRIENDLIER.

#06. FORTITUDE

YER RAZLO ...!

IT WAS YOU...

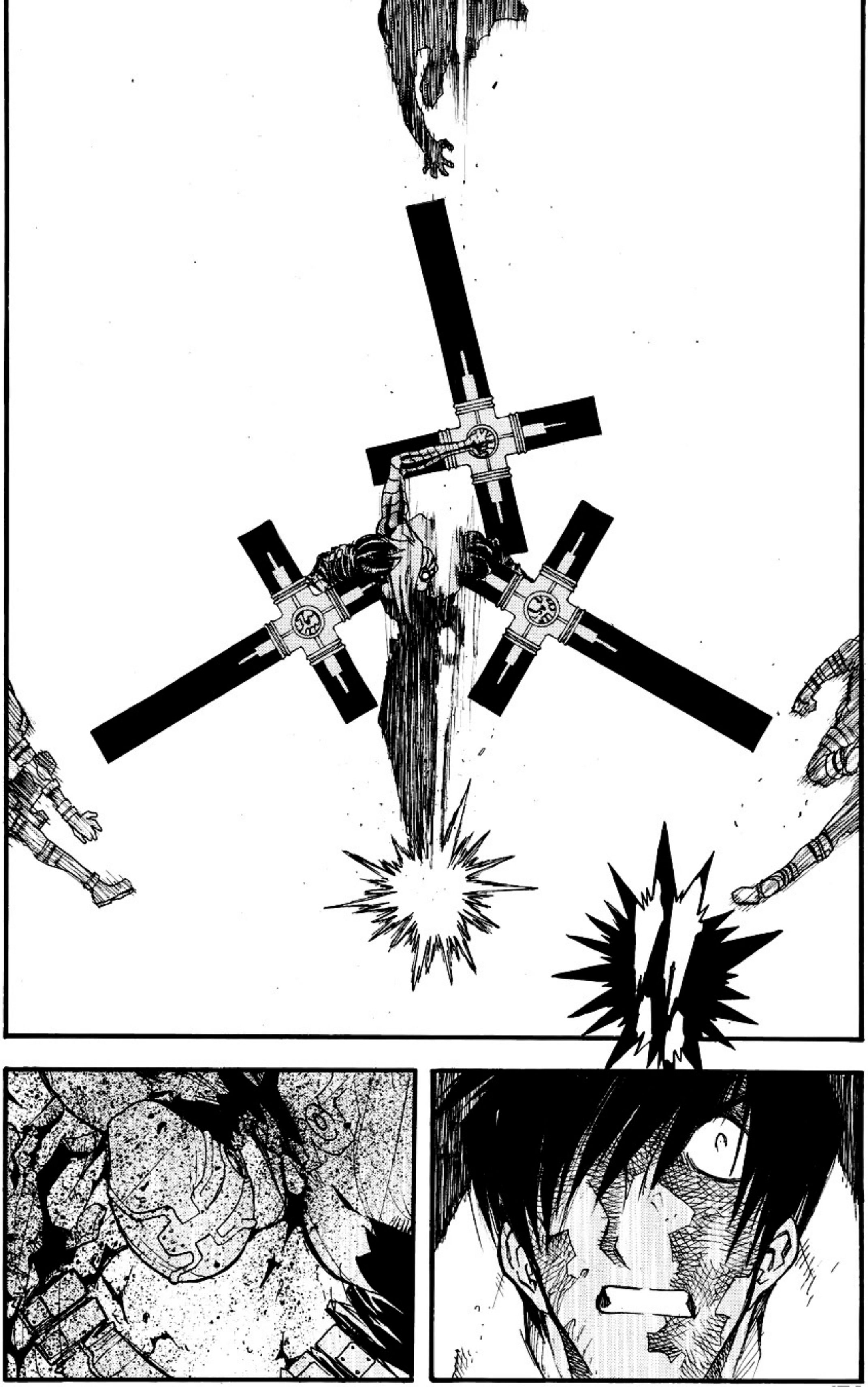
HIS GENIUS IS OVER-WHELMING, TERRIFYING, WHEN YOU FACE IT.
I MUST GIVE IT TO HIM.

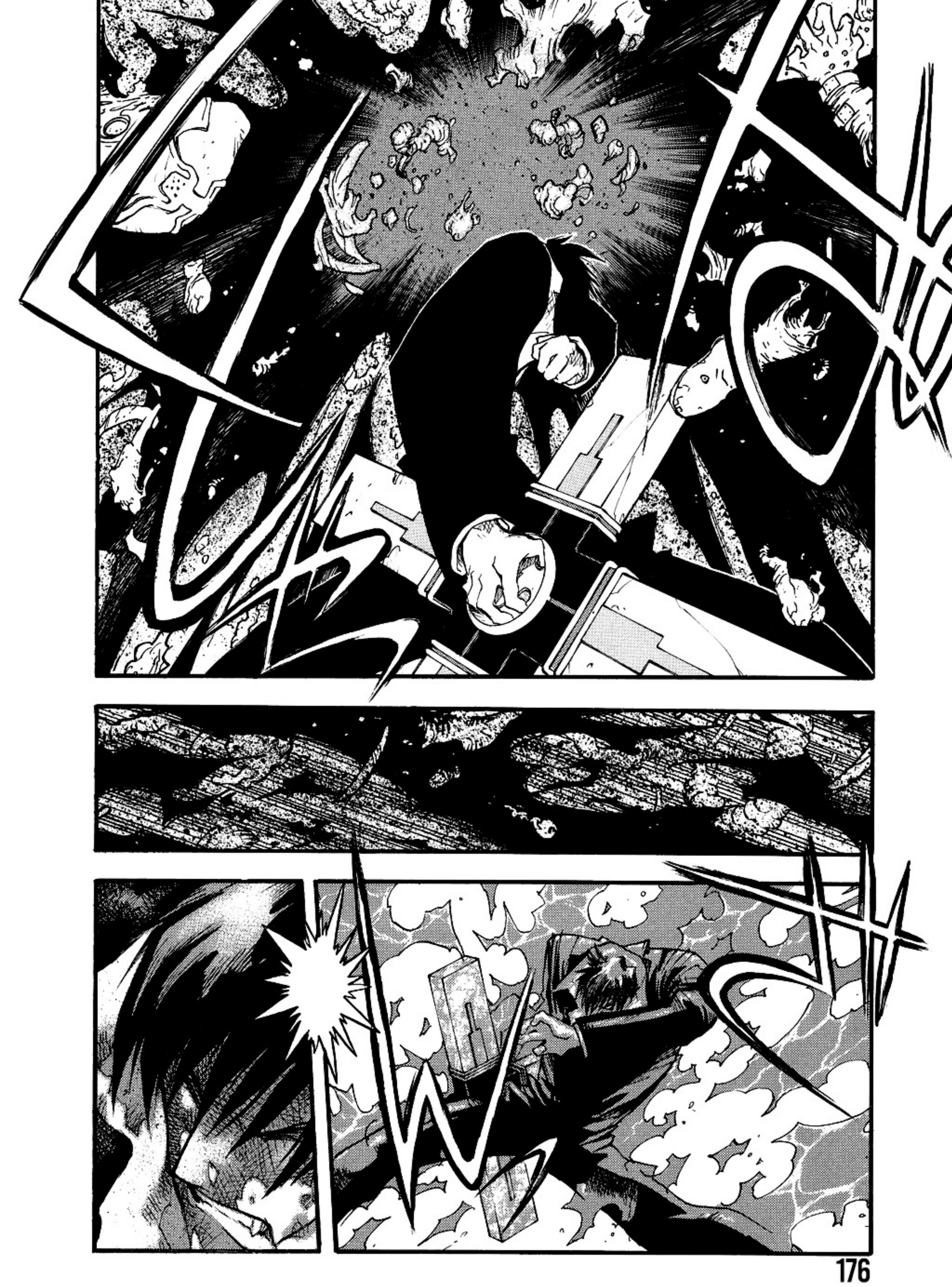
YES.
ONE BODY, TWO MINDS...
CAN YOU POSSIBLY COMPRE-HEND...
...THE INNER WORKINGS OF THIS GRUESOME PUZZLE?

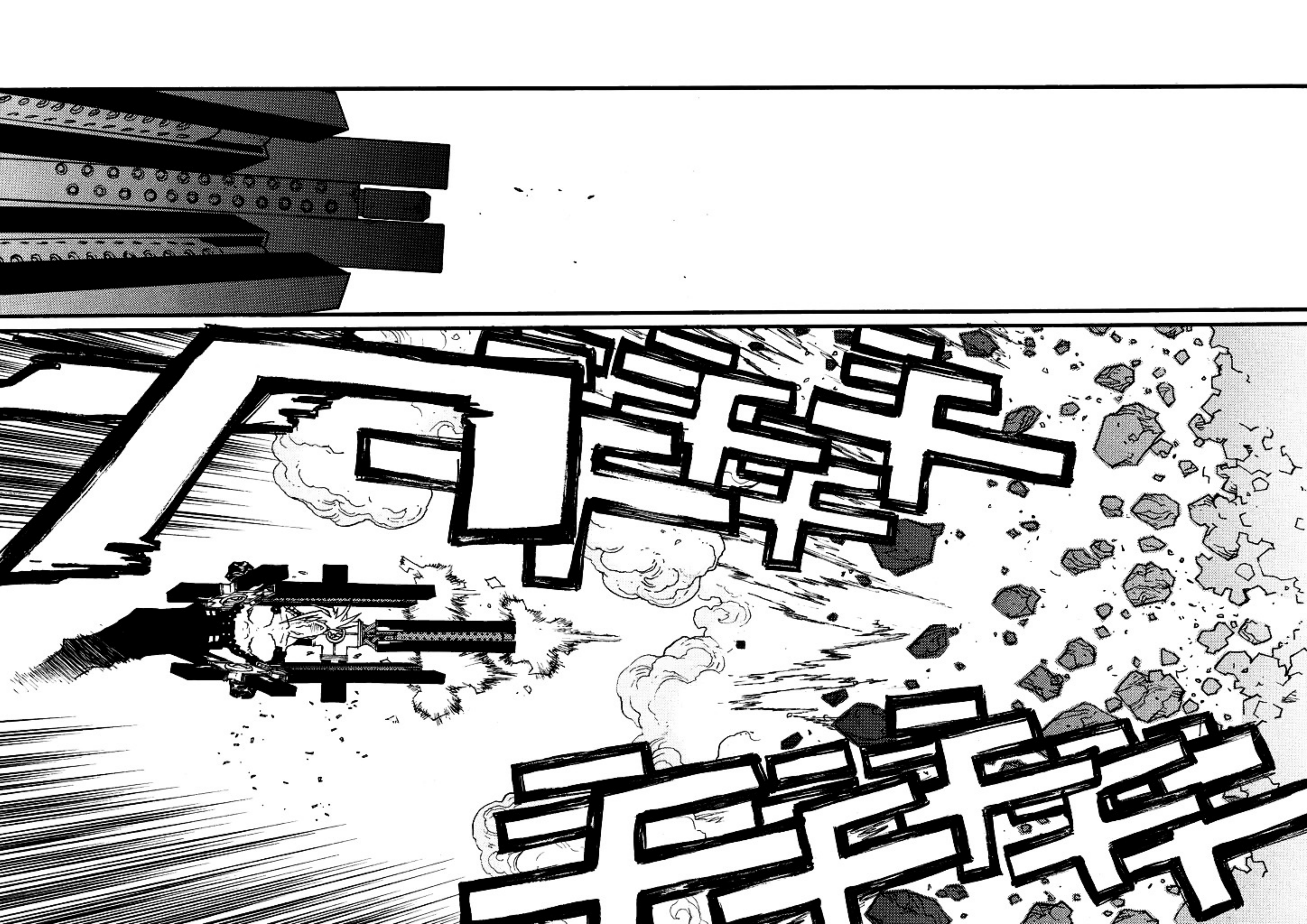
...
...
FARE-WELL...
...NICHOLAS.

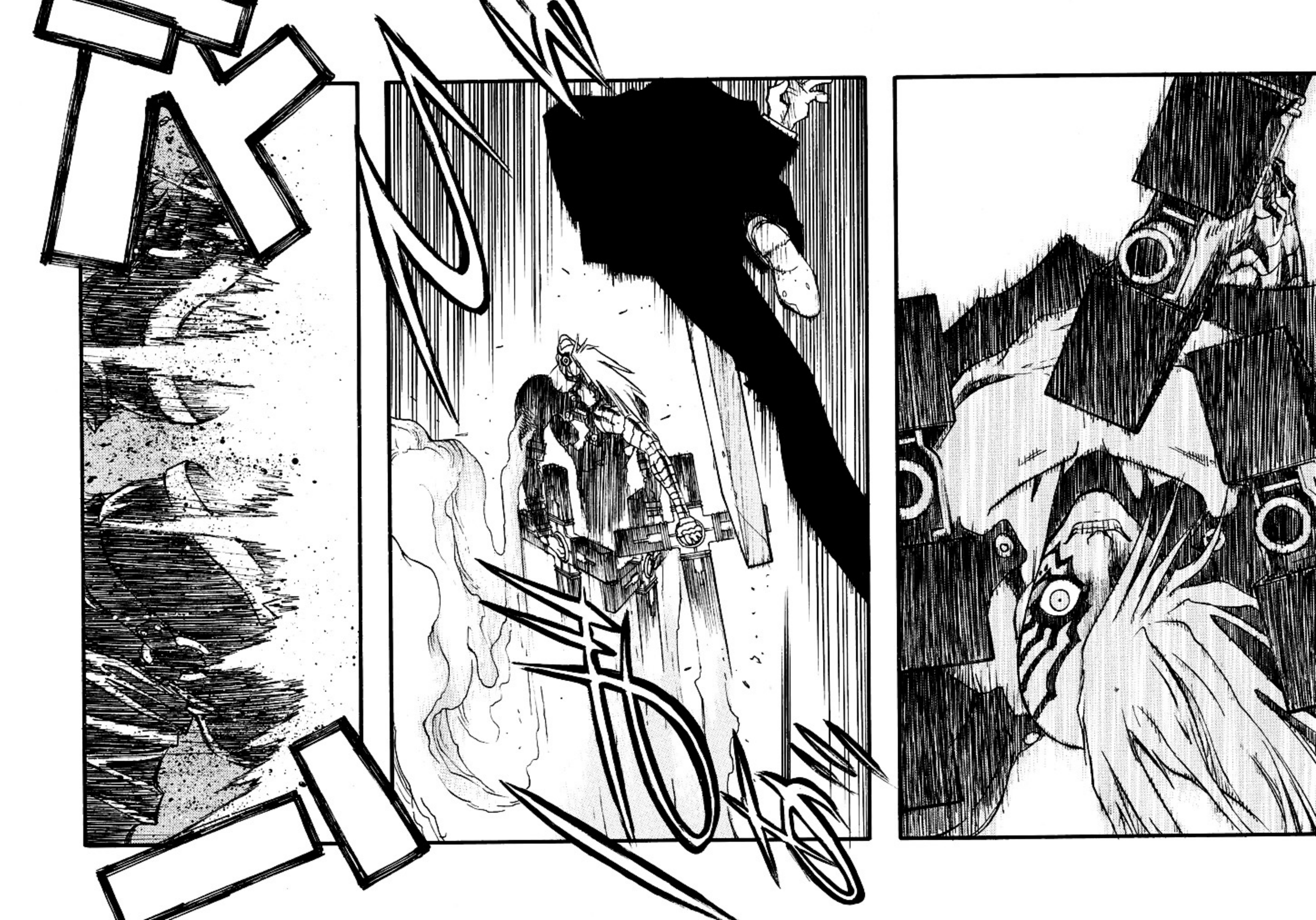
NOW THAT YOU HAVE REACHED YOUR LIMIT...
...THE END IS NEAR.
THIS WILL BE THE LAST TIME WE SPEAK.

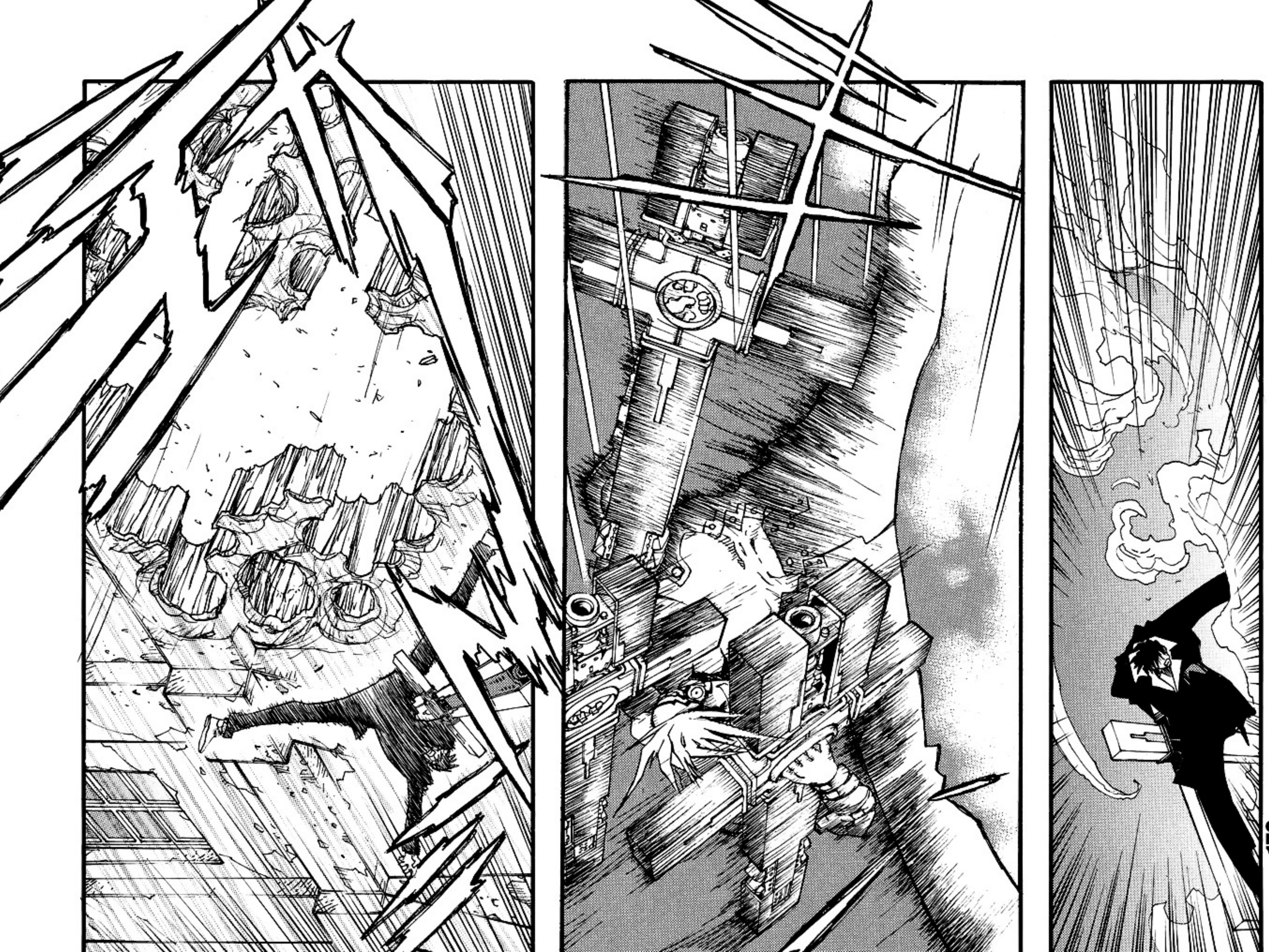
...
...

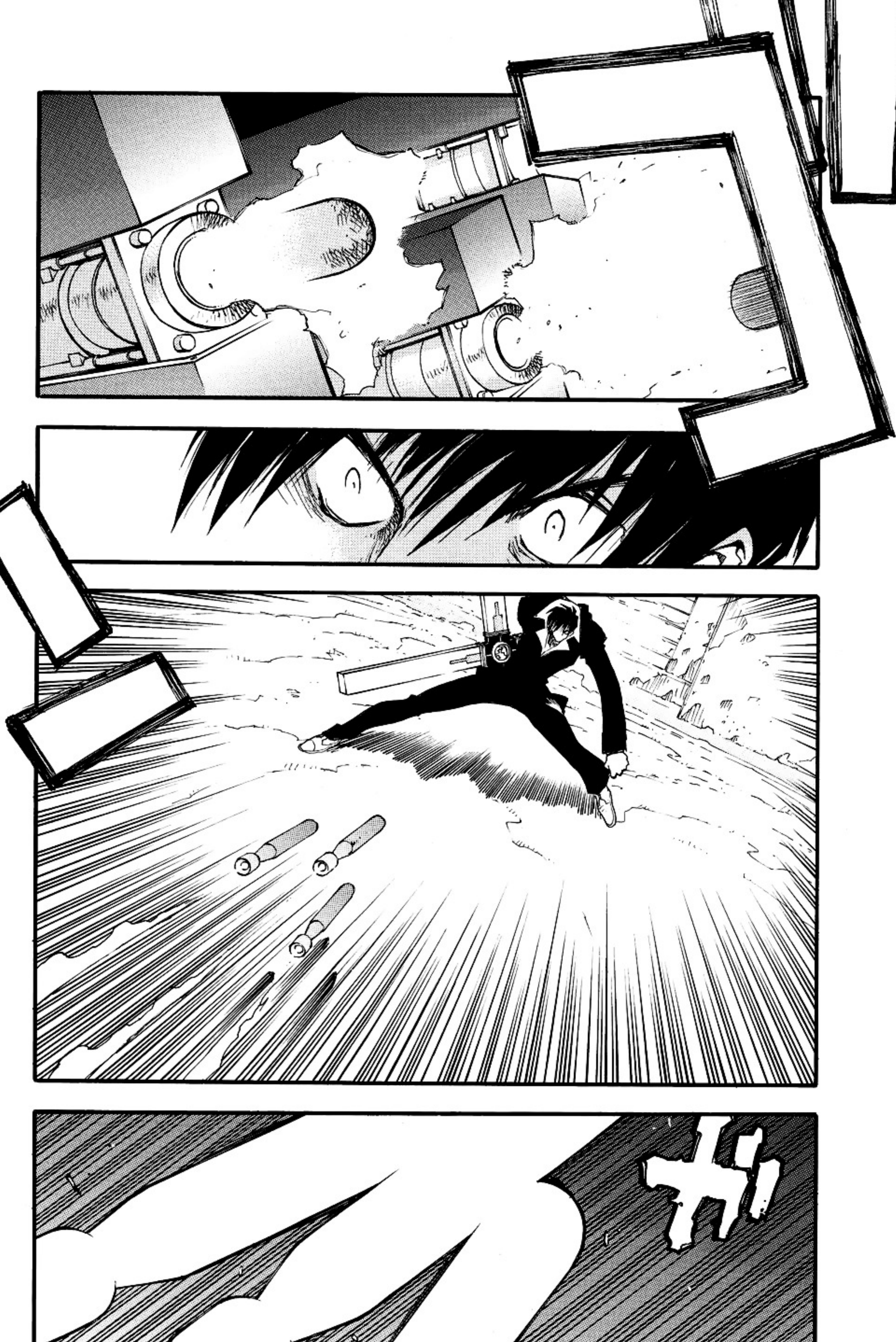


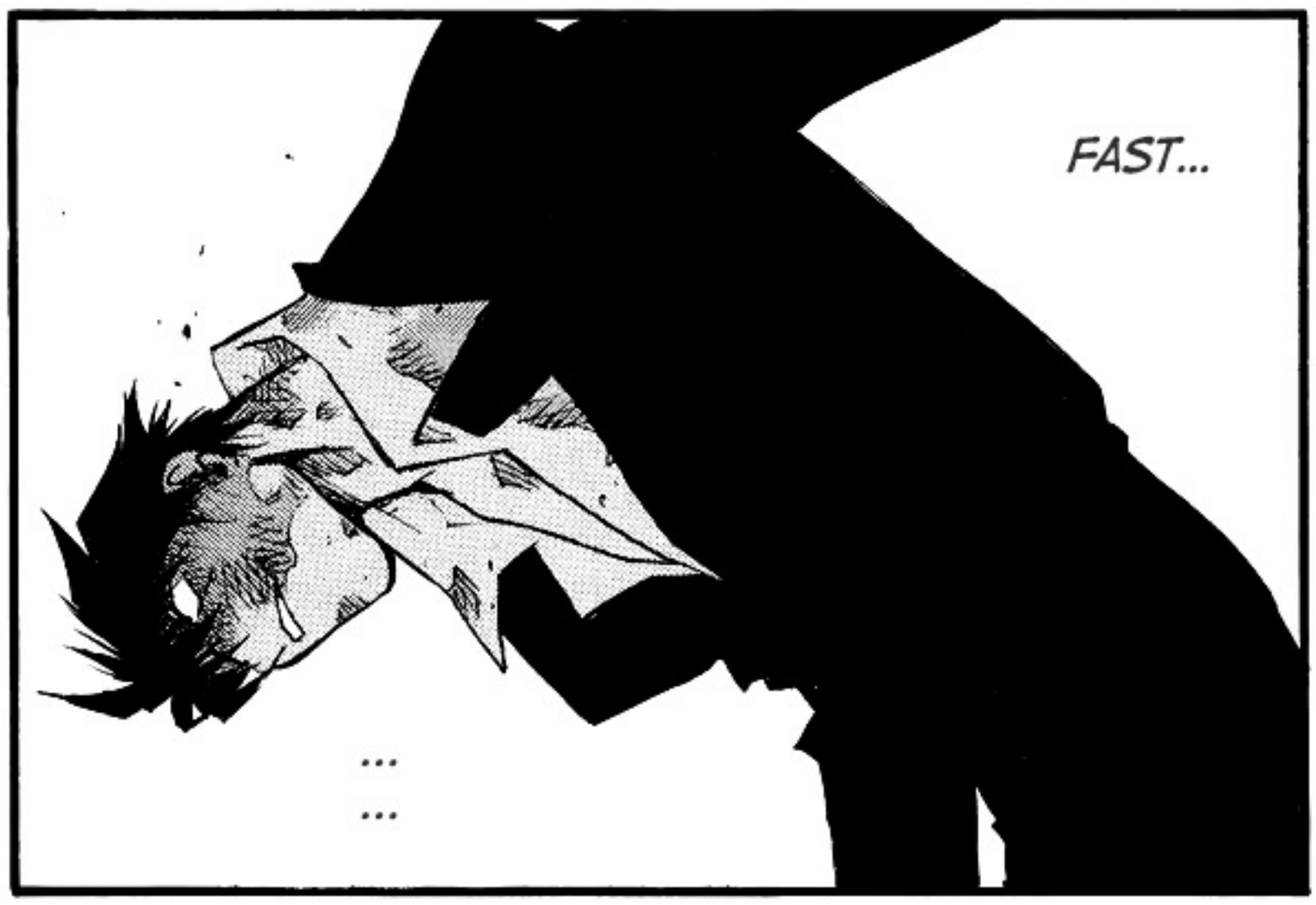











FAST...
...
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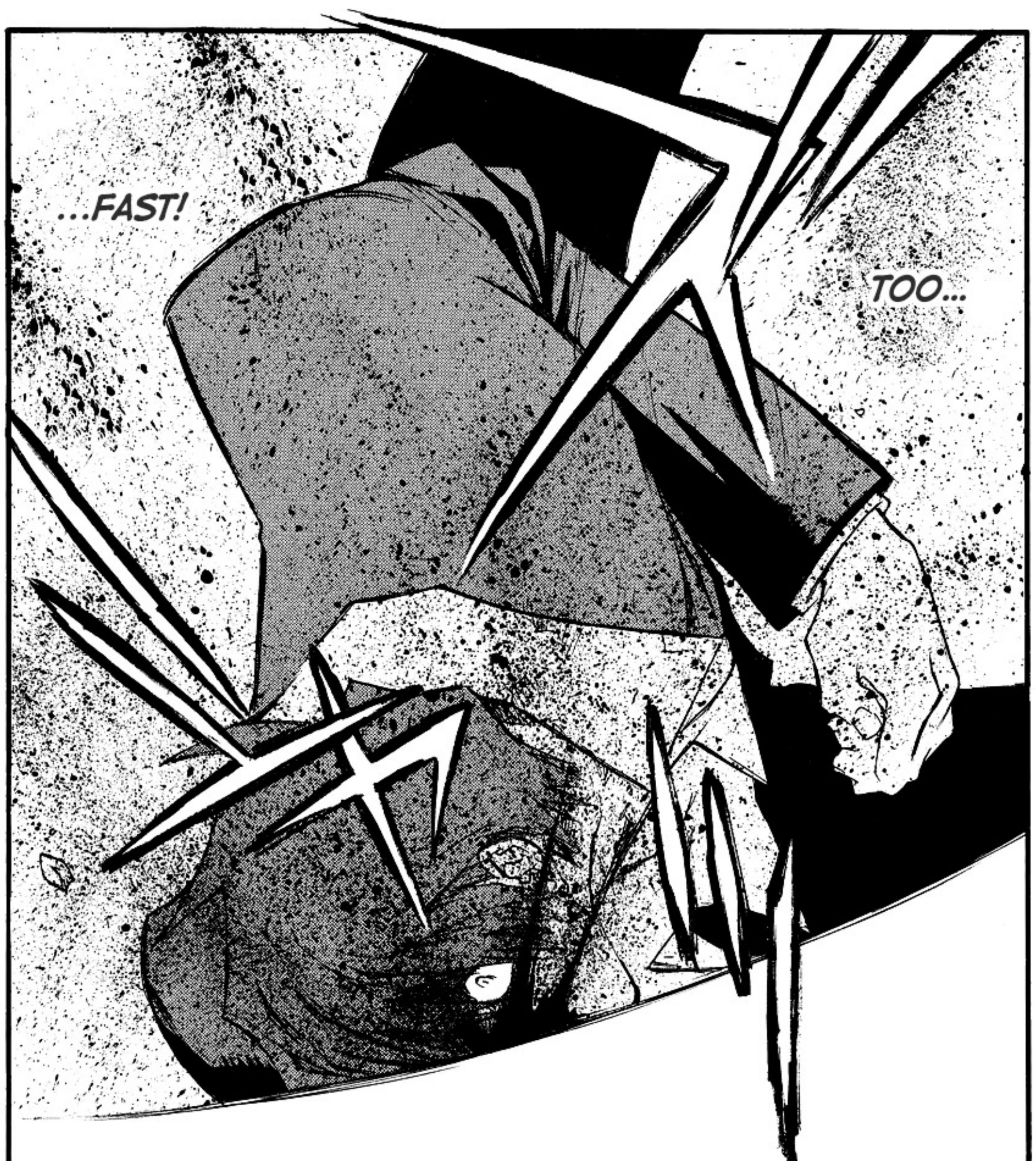
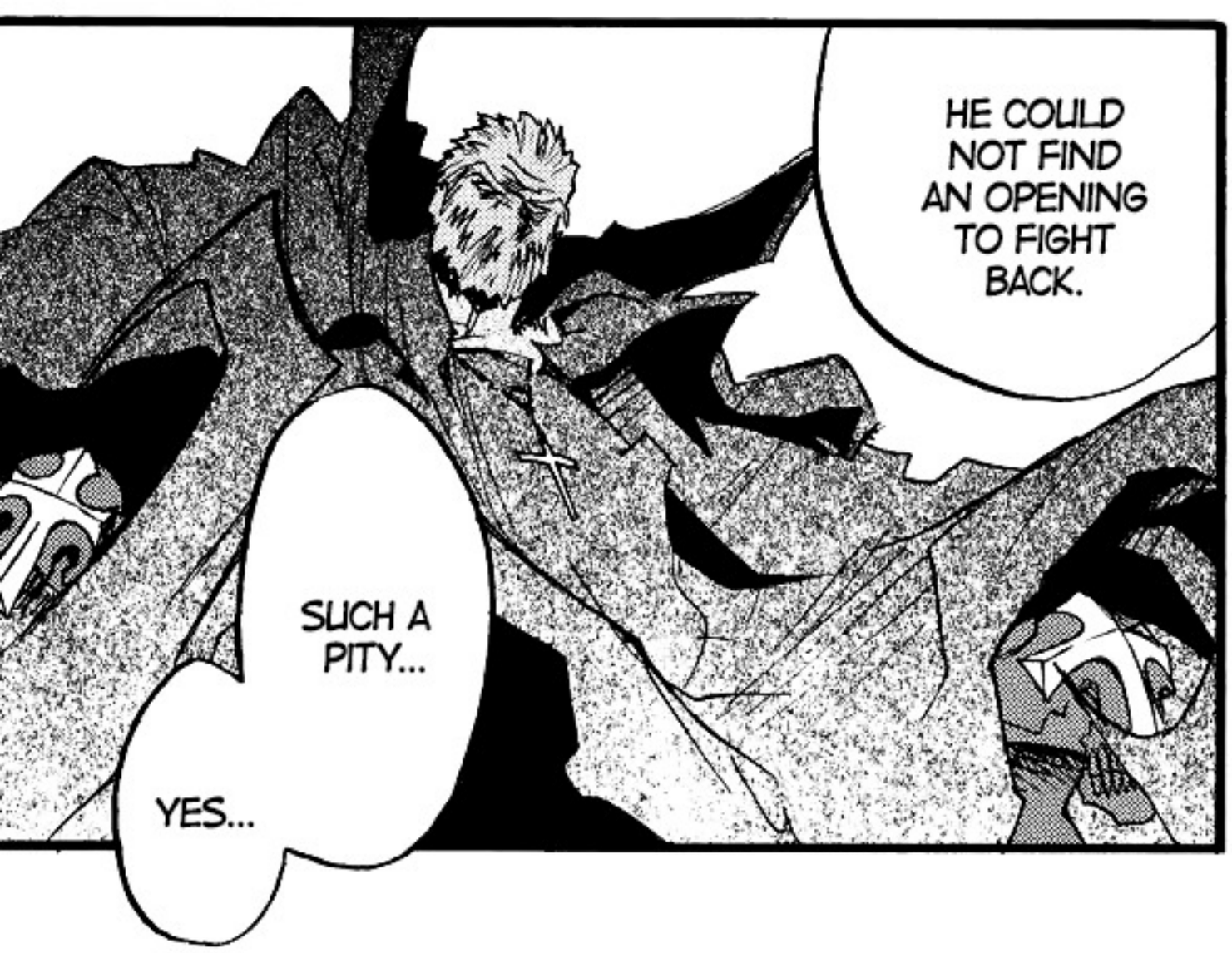

...FAST!
TOO...

HE CAN-NOT...
...MOVE AN INCH...

...
...
YES...
WELL DONE...

MASTER CHAPEL...
...WANNA FINISH HIM OFF?

WHY THE LONG FACE?
I'M PRETTY DAMN GOOD...
...AREN'T I?!


HE COULD NOT FIND AN OPENING TO FIGHT BACK.
SUCH A PITY...
YES...

YOU FOOL!

EVEN IN A FIGHT TO THE DEATH...

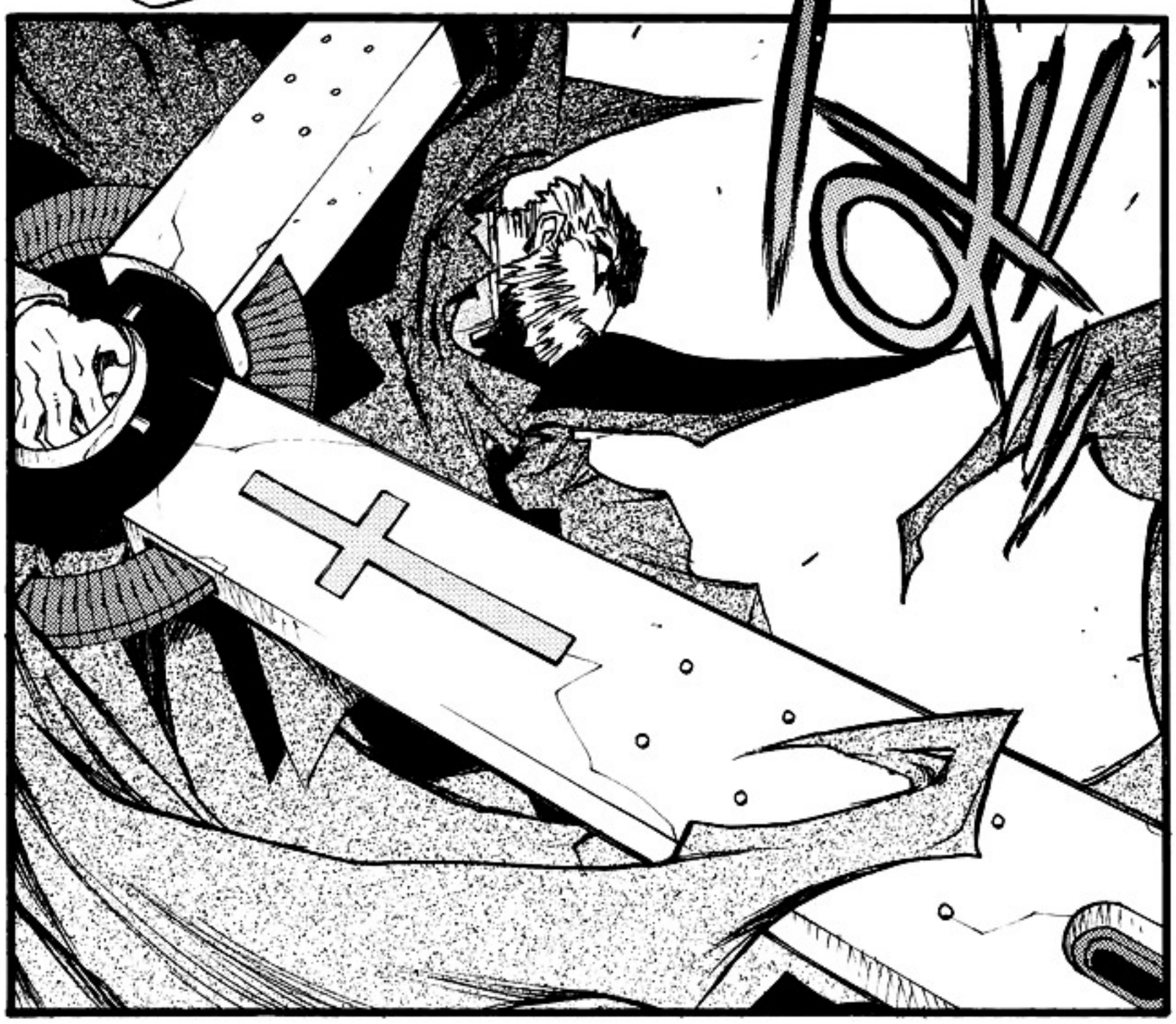
...YOU *STILL* GAVE THOUGHT TO YOUR OPPO-NENT.

TRAGIC...

SO PITIFUL...

YOU HUMILATED ME...

...TO THE VERY END.



...YOU *WILL NOT* LOSE YOUR WAY...

BUT *THIS* TIME...

I PAID THE PRICE FOR YOUR SINS WITH MY LEGS.

...FOR I AM SENDING YOU *STRAIGHT TO HELL.*

IT WASN'T MEANT TO BE...

I SEE...

...

...

LIVIO...

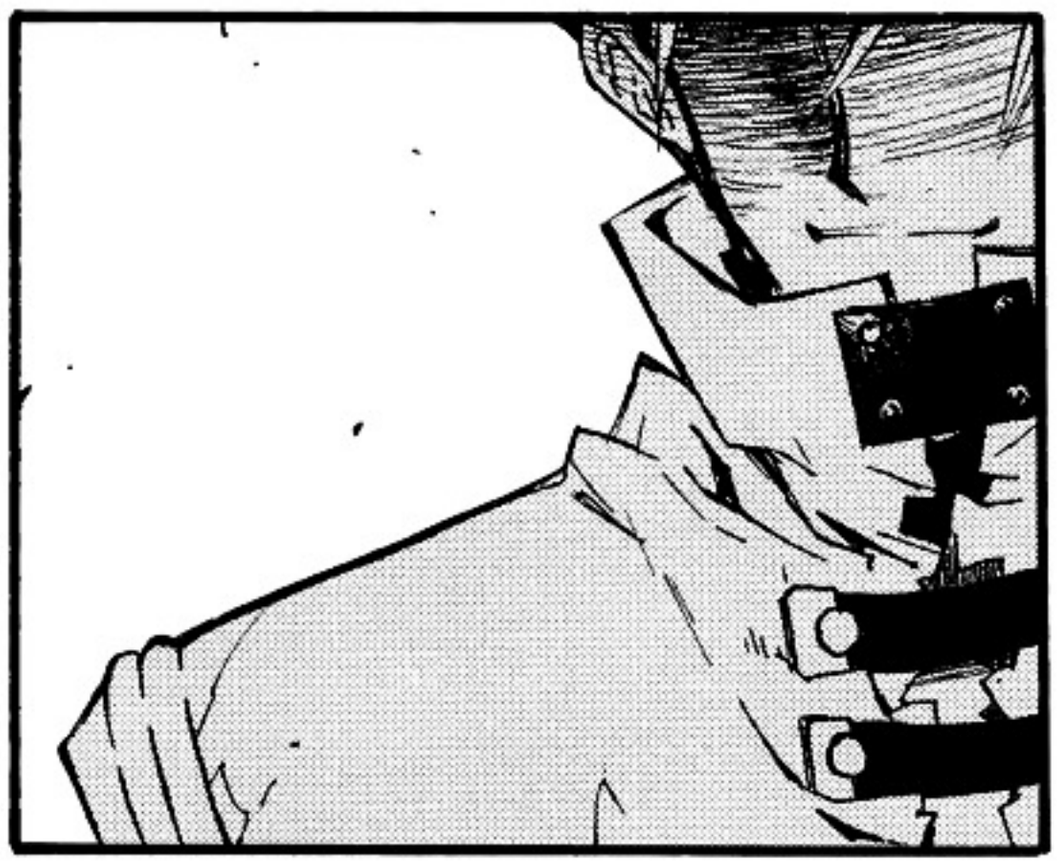
I WANTED TO HELP YA...

VASH THE STAMPEDE.

THAT MAN...

HE'S THE ONE...

...WHO BROUGHT YOU DOWN THIS *LOW.*

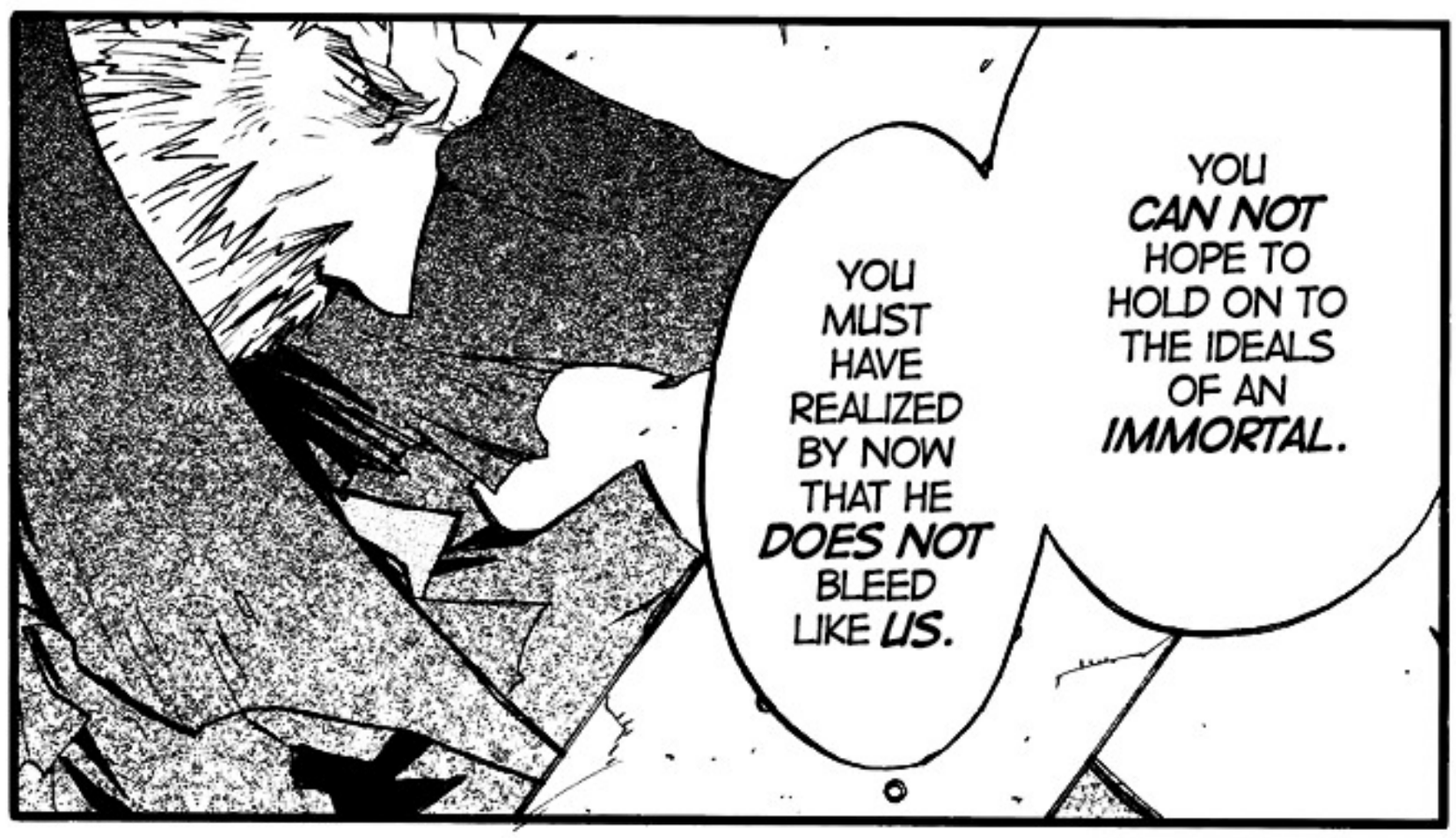


THAT AIN'T IT...

NO, YER WRONG...

WHY WOULD I HAVE FOLLOWED HIM IF I THOUGHT HE WAS **THAT** STUPID?

THAT'S IT.



HE IS SPECIAL.
HE DOESN'T FEAR DEATH.
BUT HE CAN DIE.
AND HE WILL DIE SOMEDAY.
BUT IT'S HARD TO DIE.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL THING...

THERE ARE CHOICES, COMPLICATED AND INEVITABLY CRUEL, AND ONLY A LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME TO CHOOSE.
TODAY, PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE NOTHIN' MORE THAN A SERIES OF COMPLEX PROBLEMS.
WE'RE DIFFERENT FROM GOD. WE AREN'T OMNIPOTENT.
IN THE END, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BECOME DEMONS.
YA CAN'T DECIDE NOT TO MAKE A CHOICE!
WHEN I SENSE DANGER, I PULL THE TRIGGER WITHOUT HESITATION.
I CAN'T CHANGE THE WAY I LIVE.
WELL, FOR ME, NEEDLE-NOGGIN...
...I CAN'T AFFORD TO DIE.

THERE IS A REASON WHY HUMANS ACT THE WAY THEY DO, SINGLE MINDEDLY STRUGGLING TOWARDS THEIR GOALS.

IT IS HOW THEY *SURVIVE.*

THAT FOOL.

I KNOW.

I KNOW...

DO YOU NOT UNDER-STAND THAT?

KILLING IS A SIN...

...BUT IT IS ALSO A PATH TO REDEMPTION.

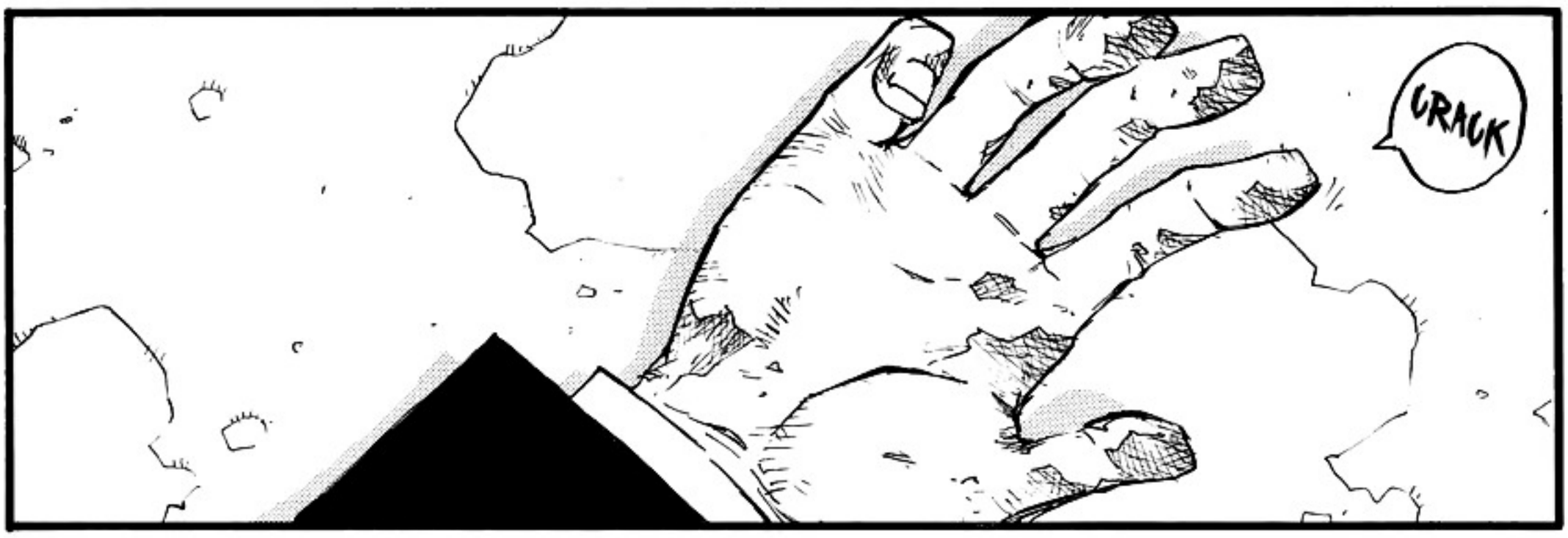
I UNDER-STAND ALL THAT.

SUCH A FUCKIN' IDIOT.

HIS WORDS ARE NAIVE, LIKE THOSE OF A CHILD.

HE'S AN IDIOT.

BUT...



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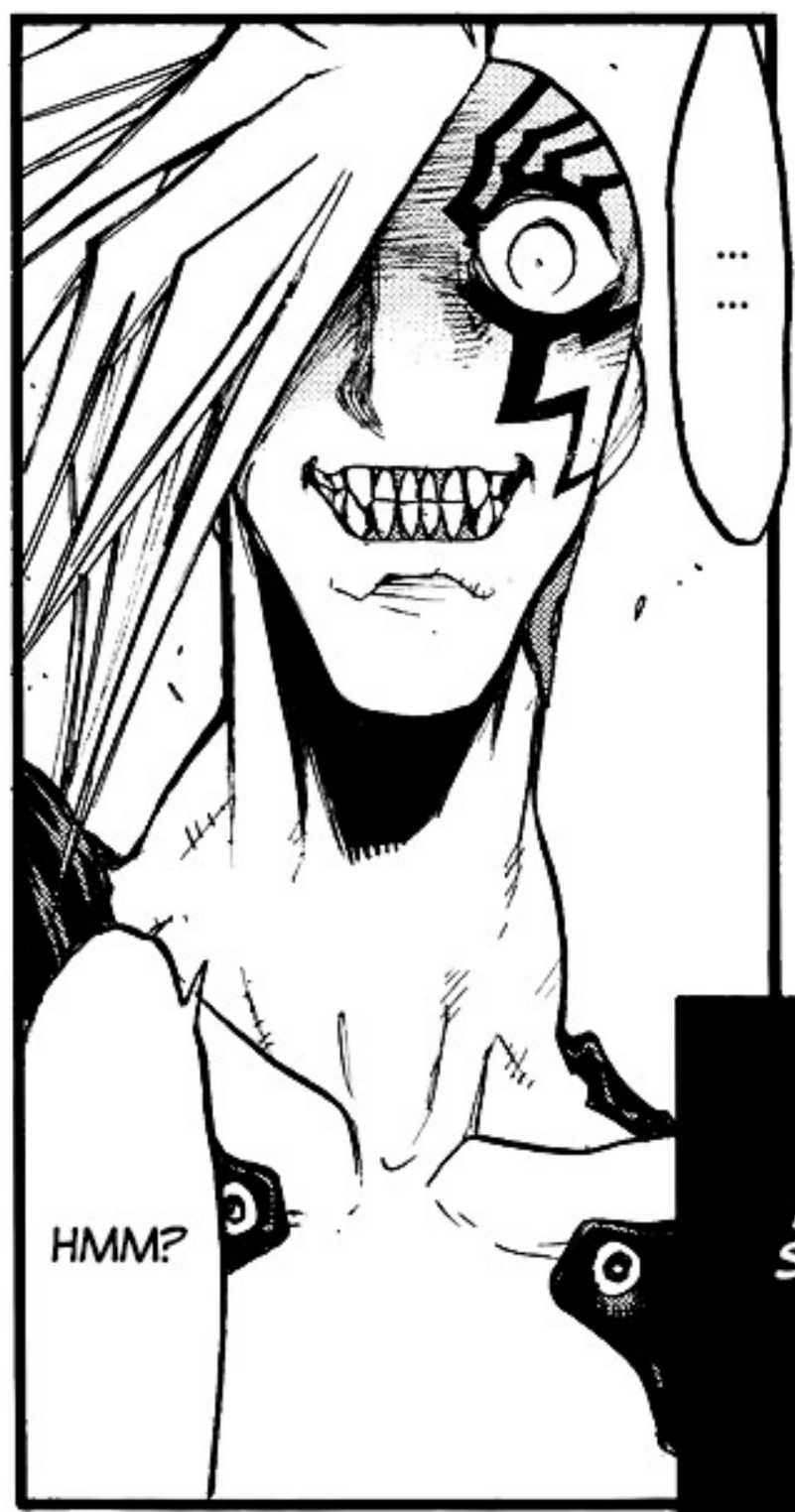

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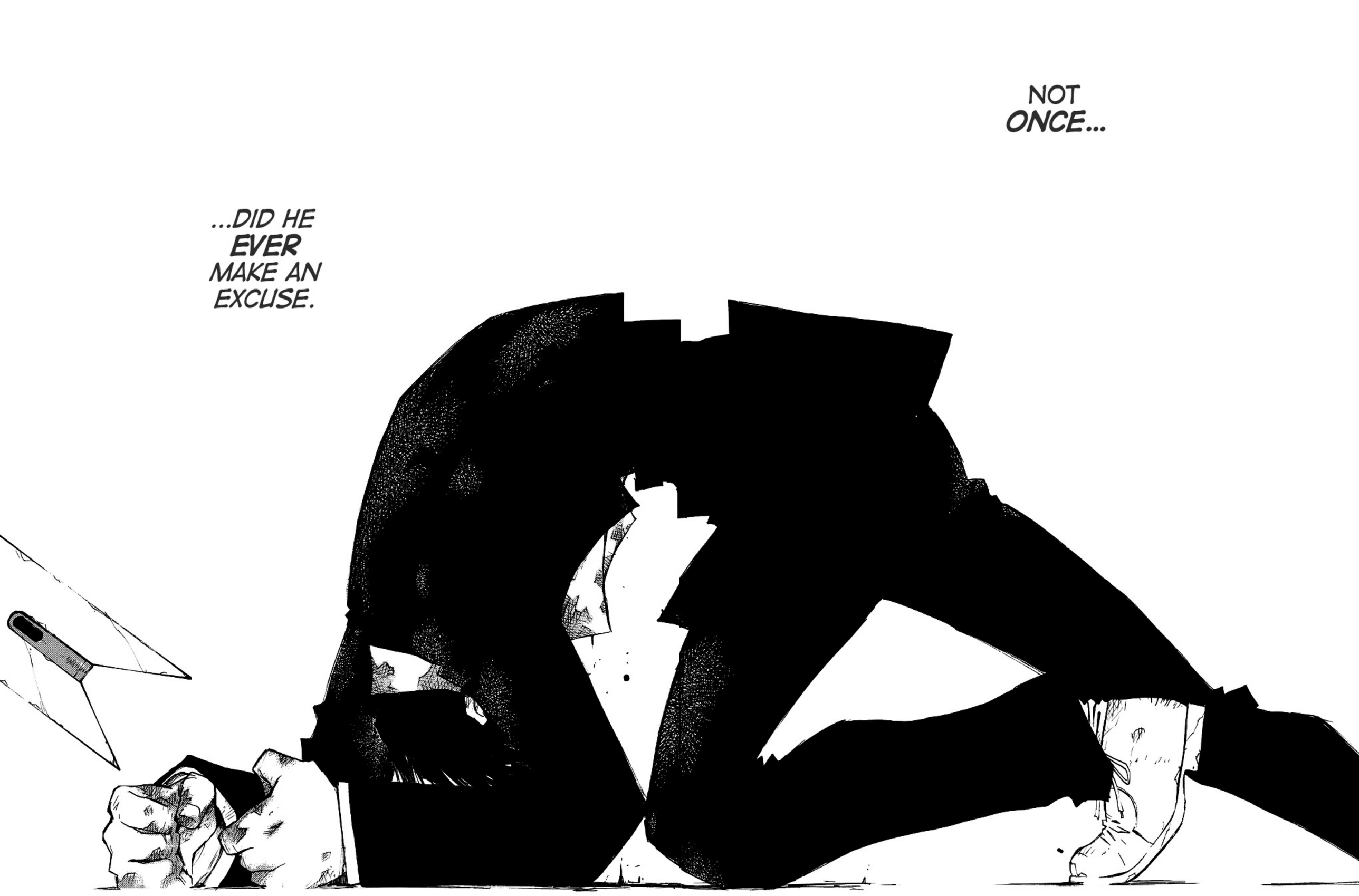
NOT ONCE...
...DID HE EVER MAKE AN EXCUSE.

AN IRON BELL IS TOLLIN' INSIDE MY HEAD...

OR AT LEAST ONE SHOULD BE...

I CAN'T SEEM TO HEAR IT NOW...

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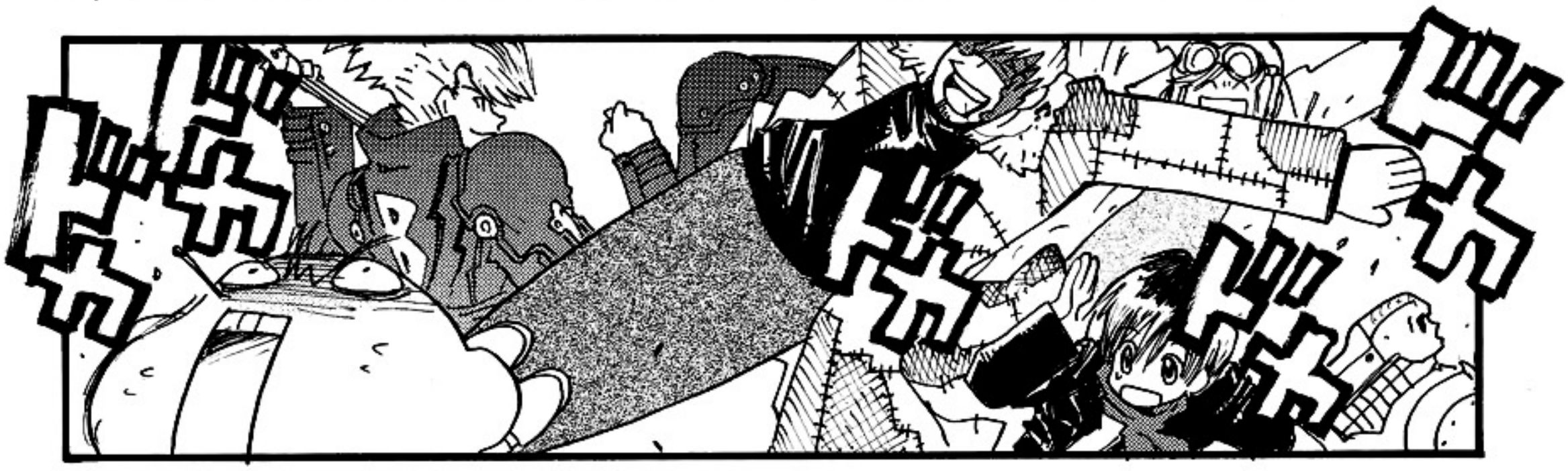
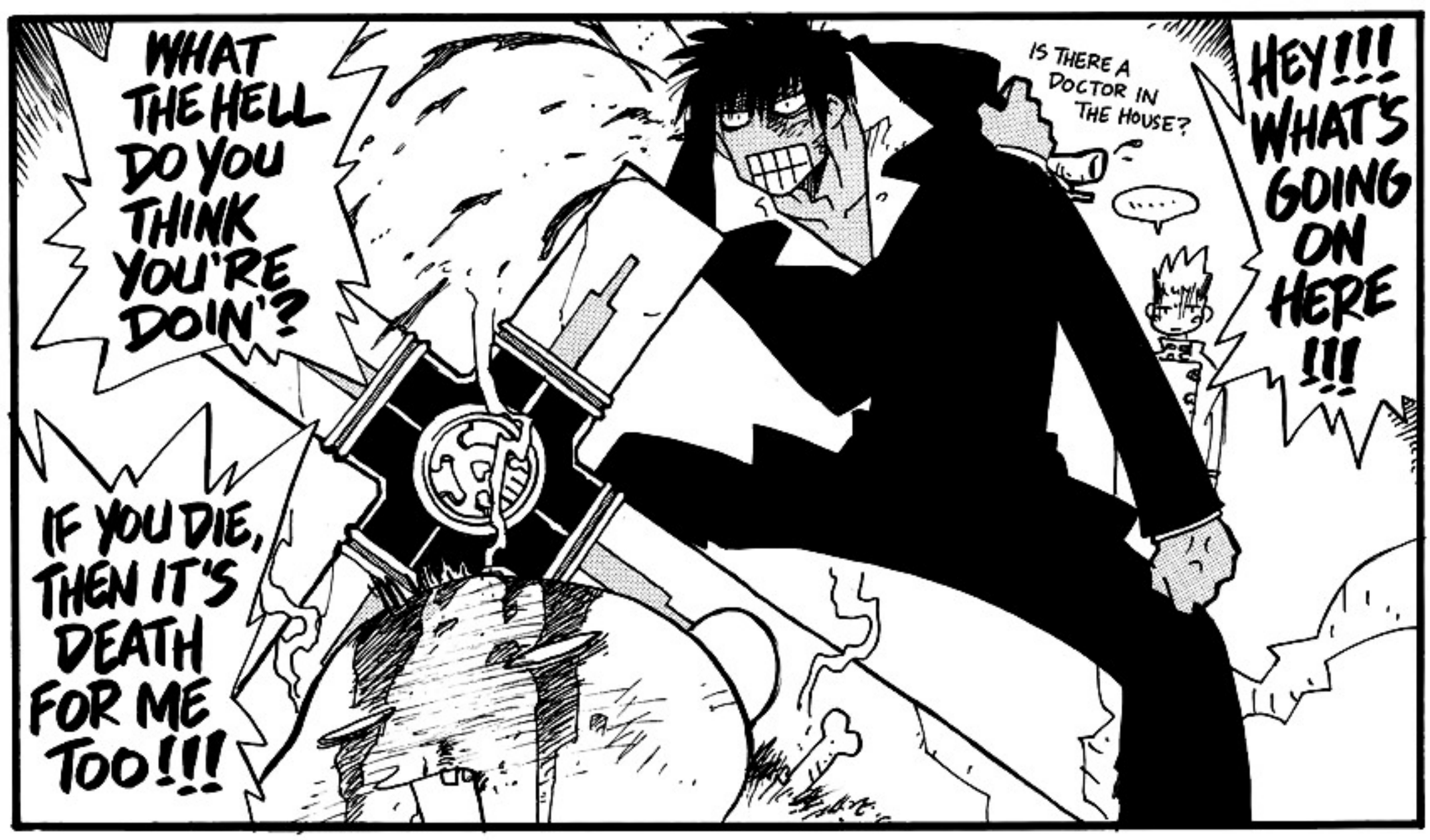
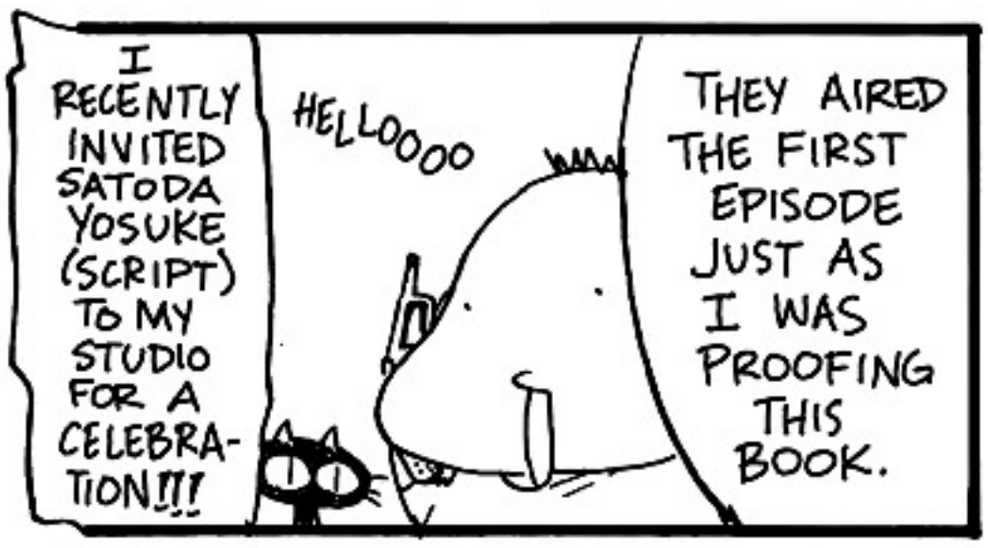


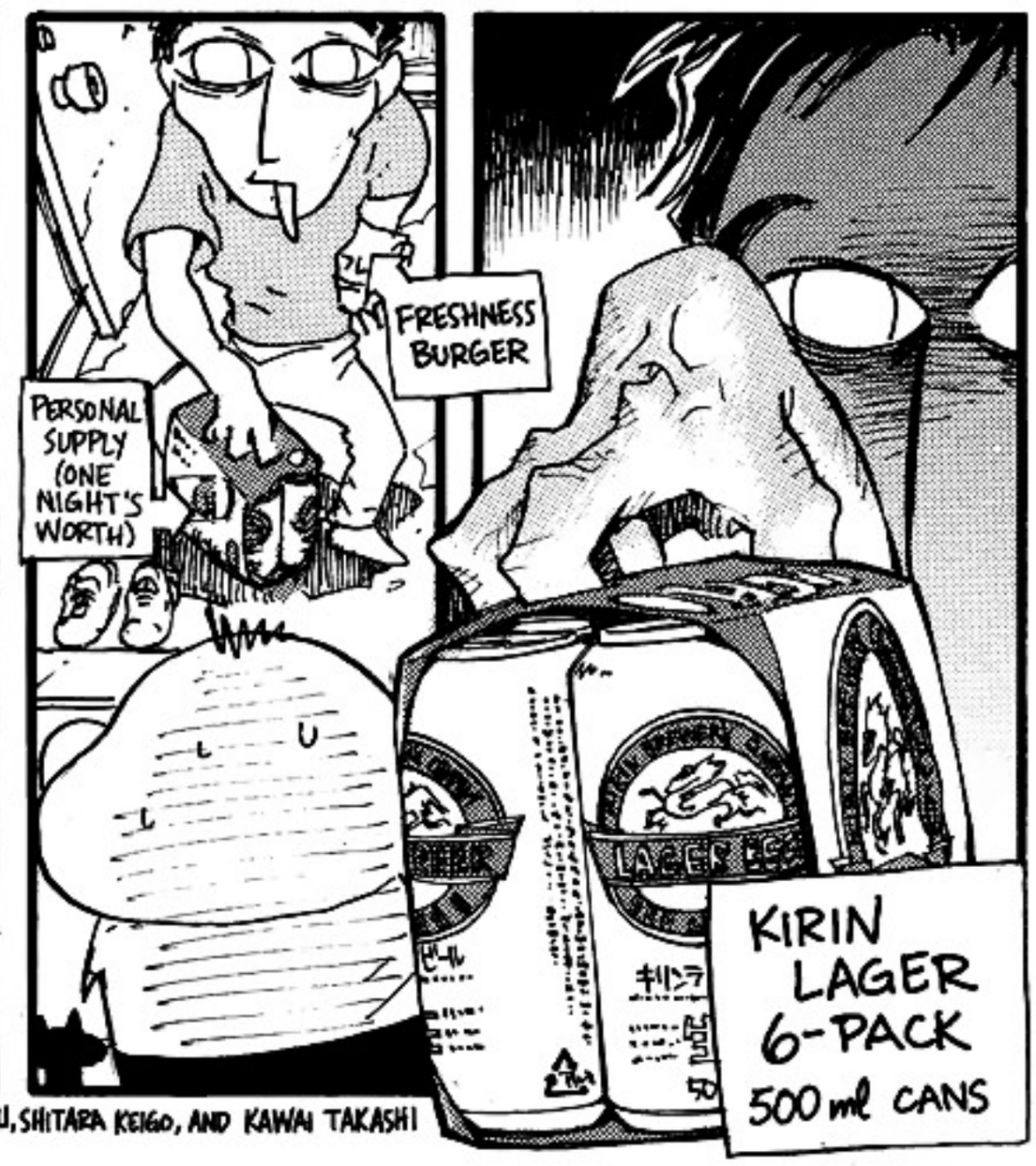

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOIN'?
IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?
.....
HEY!!! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE !!!
IF YOU DIE, THEN IT'S DEATH FOR ME TOO!!!

"AL-RIGHT"
"GOTTA DO IT"
I'VE NOTICED THAT THERE ARE A COUPLE OF WORDS THAT I SEEM TO SAY ONCE A DAY RECENTLY.

I'M A CANDLE IN THE WIND !!!
YEA.
HOW'S EVERYONE DOIN'?

I'M CAUGHT IN A DEATH SPIRAL OF MY OWN COMPLAINTS!!





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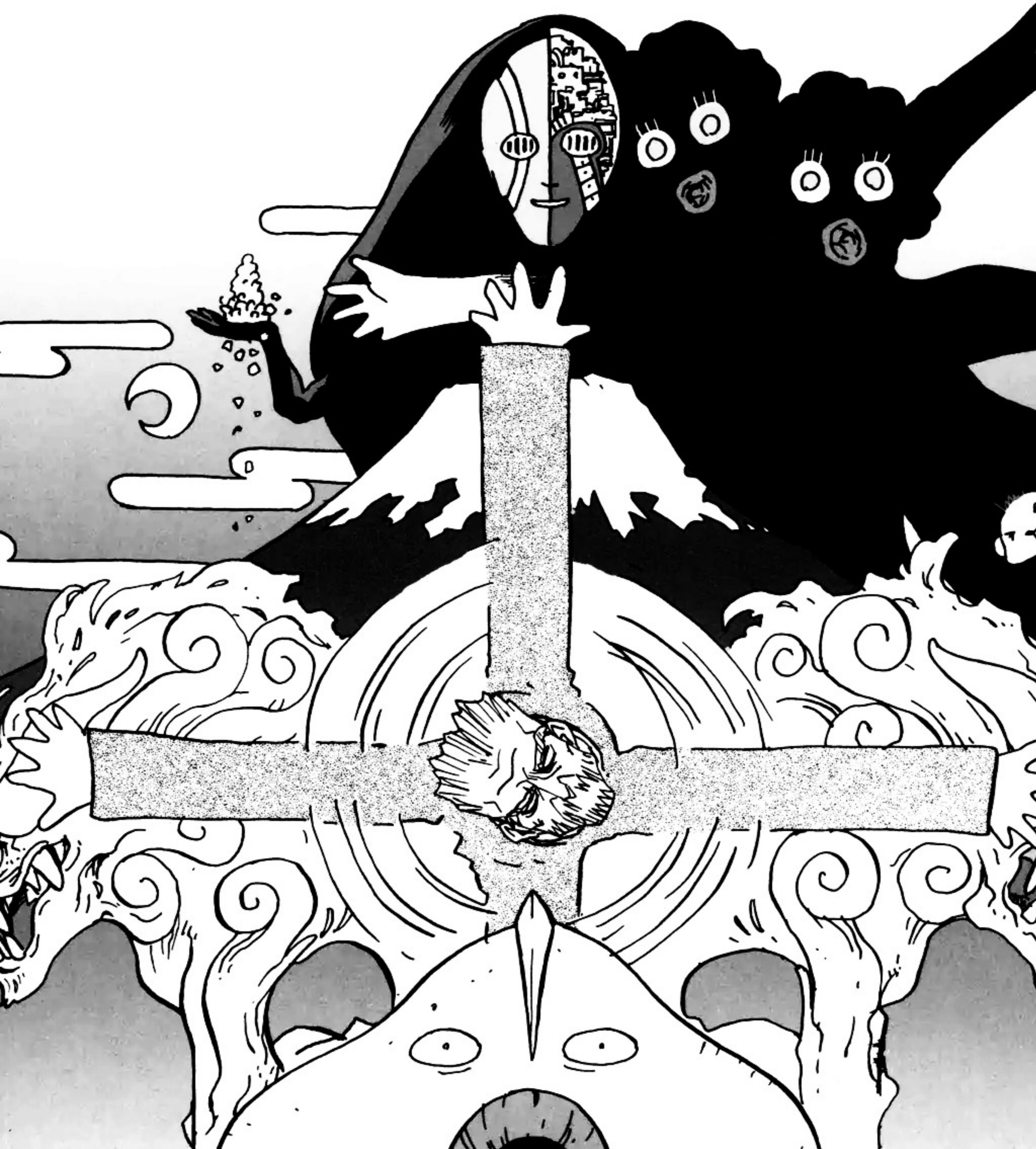

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